

NEWS

in brief

Rajoub: Awadallah in Ramallah area

Palestinian Authority security chief Jibril Rajoub has confirmed that escaped Hamas prisoner Imad Awadallah is believed to be hiding in the Ramallah area. The assertion differs from his previous assessment that Awadallah never left Jericho, where he escaped his prison cell on Saturday night.

Rajoub, head of the Preventive Security Apparatus in the West Bank, said Awadallah spent his first night on the run in an old house in Jericho. He said three taxi drivers, who apparently did not know him, helped him escape Jericho and drove him to Ramallah. The drivers have been arrested.

Rajoub said Palestinian security does not regard Awadallah as dangerous. *Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib*

Palestinian home demolished

Israel demolished the one-story home of Mohammed Salahin in the West Bank village of Katana yesterday and ordered two more homes razed because they were built without permits, witnesses said. Thirteen people lived in the home.

Since the start of the year, Israel has demolished 112 Palestinian homes in the West Bank and at least 14 in east Jerusalem, according to the human rights group B'tselem. The group said that there has been a steady increase in house demolitions in recent years. *AP*

Reservist claims IDF kitchens not kosher

A reserve soldier from Bnei Brak petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday, asking it to order the immediate closure of all IDF kitchens because their kosher status is doubtful.

Haim Ozeri, who has been in the reserves for 23 years, said that during his last stint he was shocked to see that his unit was not keeping the kitchen kosher. Because of this, he refused to report for duty recently when he was called, and he is due to be court-martialed for this.

Ozeri said that there was no kosher supervisor in the unit's kitchen, as required by General Staff regulations. He said the problems in his unit's kitchen also occurred elsewhere, according to two chaplains with whom he discussed the matter.

Ozeri asked that, in the name of religious freedom, all the army kitchens be closed until their kosher status could be assured. *Itim*

Fire damages Eilat underwater eatery

An underwater restaurant being built on the Eilat shore was damaged yesterday by a fire apparently caused by a welder's stray spark. No one was hurt.

The eatery, owned by the Red Sea Star company, is located five meters under the sea's surface. It was to have opened in a few months. *Itim*

Jordanian group sues over polluted water

A consumer group said yesterday that it has filed a lawsuit against a former minister and six other officials it accuses of supplying Jordanians with water "unfit for human consumption." Residents of Amman's posh western suburbs have complained that for the past six weeks their tap water has had a bad odor. Experts said the water contained worms and worn larvae.

The government has denied that the water contains worms and King Hussein has ordered a committee to investigate the allegations, which have shaken a weak government that already has been accused of poorly managing the economy.

The suit against former Water and Irrigation Minister Munther Haddadin and six officials at the ministries of water and health was filed at Amman's District Court on Monday, said Mohammed Obiedat, president of the National Society of Consumer Protection. *AP*

Women protest men-only concert

The Israel Women's Network called on the Jerusalem Municipality to cancel a municipally-sponsored cantorial concert for men only. The concert is to be held tonight at the Sheraton Plaza.

Although the concert's invitation features the municipality's and the Jubilee Association's logo, the Jubilee Association is not sponsoring the concert, said Eyal Frenkel, its deputy director-general. It permits the municipality and other public offices to use the logo, he said.

A municipal spokeswoman said that the concert is being sponsored by the department for Torah culture, which plans events for haredim. Last month, she said, the department sponsored 14 women-only events. *Amy Klein*

US embassy in Amman receives bomb threat

A bomb threat by an anonymous caller yesterday prompted the US Embassy to evacuate part of its Amman compound. US Marines and Jordanian security officials, however, found no evidence of a bomb in the embassy compound in Amman's upscale Abdoun district, a Jordanian official said.

Applicants were evacuated from the visa section of the compound, but embassy employees remained in the building, the official said.

Work at the visa section resumed after a two-hour break, the official said. "It was a false alarm," the official said. *AP*

Anti-Ethiopian slogans discovered in Haifa

Slogans, including "Death to the Ethiopians" and "The only good black is a dead black," were found spray-painted on the wall of a club in Haifa yesterday.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein strongly condemned the incident, calling it "a mixture of vandalism and the expression of the worst kind of racism." He said the phenomenon should be strongly condemned and demanded that the police find those responsible so they can be punished. *Itim*

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"No matter what he said before, I cannot believe that would rise under any definition to perjury or impeachment," he said.

Early polls were in Clinton's favor, with around 60 percent of people in a CBS/New York Times survey taken just after the speech saying they were satisfied with the

president's statement and 40% not satisfied. About 60% said the matter should now be dropped. Sixty-nine percent of those in an ABC News poll said the investigation should end.

Although Starr is in the final stages of his investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, his grand jury is still at work. It heard testimony yesterday from former Clinton political adviser Dick Morris.

The management and staff of The Jerusalem Post

offer condolences to their friend and colleague **Danny Balulu**

on the death of his sister

YAFFA EZRA

Mordechai ready to resume peace talks with Syria

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday called on Syria to resume peace talks, but denied he has softened his position on an IDF withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Earlier this week, Mordechai created confusion when he told the German news magazine *Focus* that he had "invented" a formula concerning a Golan pullback that was used by the government of the late Yitzhak Rabin.

The phrase said that the depth of withdrawal from the Golan depended on the depth of peace offered by Syria. It was widely interpreted as meaning that for full

peace, Syria would get back all of the Golan.

But during a visit to an IDF stronghold in the eastern sector of the security zone yesterday, Mordechai said he had not been quoted accurately by the magazine.

Mordechai said he had made his views known in press interviews in the past two years and there was nothing new regarding policy towards the region.

"I have reiterated that the Golan Heights is vital to the defense of the North. I have also reiterated that we are prepared any day to resume negotiations with the Syrians."

"We will come to the negotiating table with our proposals, recommendations and demands and the Syrians will do the same. The most important thing from our point of

view is security... I'm sure the other side has its own demands which it would bring [to the negotiating table]," he said.

Mordechai said he was going from south Lebanon to observe IDF exercises on the Golan Heights, adding that the army was strong.

"Peace talks are held with those who are today classed as the enemy and as long as that situation remains the same, we have to prepare our forces for any eventuality," he said.

"At the same time, we have no interest in reaching any confrontation with the Syrians. We do, however, have a great interest in changing the situation and in holding talks with the Syrians to change the years-old conflict between us and ultimately reach

an agreement that will lead to peace."

Mordechai declined to be drawn into discussing the price of a peace accord in terms of a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

"I'm talking about a different price, and formulas that would enable us to resume the negotiations," he said.

Mordechai said there were no signs at this stage that the Syrians were prepared to resume negotiations.

He visited the area following the inquiry into what has become known as the "Sonjud fiasco."

Soldiers serving in the security zone have now been given instructions to carry their rifles with a round in the chamber ready for instant firing.

Jericho casino opens next month

By MICHAEL S. ARNOLD

Palestinian and Austrian construction crews are working around the clock to prepare the Oasis Casino outside Jericho for its planned mid-September opening, casino general manager Alexander Tueck said yesterday.

Escorting a group of Israeli journalists through the heat and dust of Jericho, Tueck said the casino will have 220 slot machines and 28 gambling tables in the main gaming room and another seven tables in a VIP room for high rollers.

The \$50 million casino will be constructed in a vaguely Middle Eastern design, using marble from local quarries. There will be several levels of security checks to ensure the safety of visitors.

Islamic fundamentalists are opposed to the casino for religious reasons, although the Palestinian Authority has decreed that Palestinians will not be allowed to gamble there.

The management expects that most of the clientele will be Israeli, Tueck said. The casino is located, on the access road to Jericho, just beyond the border of the Israeli-controlled area, a half-hour from Jerusalem.

Cameras will be hidden in the ceiling of the main room and tables and slot machines will be connected to a central computer system to maintain propriety, Tueck said.

In addition, customer identification information will be entered into the casino's computer system so that players who lose too much money or who may have gambling addictions can be identified and monitored, Tueck said.

The casino is expected to fill PA coffers with several million dollars in tax money each year from proceeds. Other revenues are expected from sales of food and drink and income tax from some 1,000 local residents who will work at the site.

The casino will be part of a five square-kilometer resort that ultimately will include two hotels with 800 rooms, a golf course, tennis courts, swimming pool and conference center.

CORRECTION

The student protest on Monday at the A-Ram checkpoint was organized by the Gaza Students Campaign, and not as printed in yesterday's paper.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. PDG / Selim Joubran will speak on Rotary's Legislative Council - Its Role and Action.



A Palestinian policeman laughs as he talks with IDF soldiers outside Joseph's Tomb on Monday. (AP)

Dispute over Joseph's Tomb persists

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Two yeshiva students left the Joseph's Tomb compound in Nablus yesterday, IDF sources said, adding that the Palestinians are still refusing entry but allowing food and beverages to be taken in to the compound.

The two had remained in the compound, together with 28 other students, since last Thursday after the Palestinian Police refused to allow others to enter. The students feared that if they left the compound, no one would be allowed to take their place.

The sources said discussions with the Palestinians continue and expressed hope that a peaceful solution will be found shortly, possibly within the next 24 hours.

The Palestinians objected to OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Yehalon's recent decision allowing yeshiva students and relatives of the two slain yeshiva students at Yitzhar to remain in the tomb overnight during *shivah* and then extending the period. Palestinian officials fear that the students

will turn the tomb into a permanent settlement if they are allowed to remain in the compound 24 hours a day.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's adviser Dr. Ahmed Tibi charged in an interview on Israel Radio yesterday that the recent press reports were one-sided and there had been a serious change in the status quo since the attack in Yitzhar.

He said that the Palestinian Police agreed to the IDF's request to allow yeshiva students to remain in the compound during *shivah* as a gesture of respect and agreed to extend for a further 24 hours.

The Palestinian Police were surprised to discover last Thursday that students remained in the compound, he said, adding that it was clear that the students' intentions were political.

Itzik Arad, one of the students inside the compound, said the recent agreement reached between the IDF and the Palestinians allowed them to remain inside the compound at night. "It is a holy place to the people of Israel

and students study here daily. It is extremely important to maintain a presence here 24 hours a day," he said during a radio interview.

Arad stressed that in the past the Palestinians violated the agreement daily by searching students entering the compound and refusing to allow them to take in chairs and other equipment for the dining room.

Steve Rodan adds: The government yesterday said the PA's refusal to allow Jews to pray at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus is a violation of the Oslo Accords.

In a statement, the government cited Annex II, appendix I, article 32 which says that both Israel and the Palestinians will protect the religious rights of Jews, Christians, Moslems, and Samaritans. This includes protection of holy sites, free access to the sites and freedom of worship and practice.

The accord also lists arrangements concerning Joseph's Tomb and the Shalom al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho.

IDF: Shihab-3 to be operational next year

By LIAT COLLINS

The Iranian Shihab-3 missile, whose prototype was tested a month ago, will be operational by the end of 1999, OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday.

He also reportedly said that from statements made by Iranian leaders it can be seen that "the Iranian capability will be offered for the use of the Islamic world."

Regarding Iraq, Malka said Saddam Hussein believes the US has lost much of its effectiveness against him and the Arab world has

grown closer.

Much of Malka's review focused on the developments in the relations between Syria and Iran and Iraq. He said Syria had recently signed an agreement with Iraq on opening an oil pipeline between the two countries.

The US sees this as a violation of the sanctions on Iraq. The agreement is worth some \$230 million, Malka said however that the relations between Syria and Iraq are economic and do not necessarily indicate political closeness.

Malka also noted the continued improvement in relations between Syria and Iran, including the recent meeting between the head of the Iranian military forces and the Syrian chief of

staff.

He also said Iran continues to supply Hizbullah with arms transported via Damascus airport.

Malka said that there had been a moderate tone to the statements by Syrian leadership on August 1, Syrian military day. President Hafez Assad and other senior figures stressed Syria's firm belief in the peace process, as long as the talks resume at the point where they broke off three years ago.

The Syrian position that an IDF withdrawal from south Lebanon must be part of a combined Syrian-Lebanese solution is gaining strength in the international arena, Malka said.

Biran: Budget increase not enough

By ARIEN O'SULLIVAN

Even if the promised NIS 2 billion increase is added to next year's proposed defense budget, it won't be enough to assure the state's security needs are met, defense officials indicated yesterday.

Furthermore, officials said, wages, which comprise nearly half of the budget, are too low to cut.

The army has planned wide-ranging efficiency steps, but senior defense officials said that there is no plan to reduce its current "order of battle" - the number of units and equipment, like tanks, planes, and artillery pieces, that make up the skeleton of the army.

Speaking at a symposium on the defense budget yesterday, Defense Ministry Director-General Ilan Biran said it was up to the government to decide where the extra money would come from.

"In the past 15 years we have cut the order of battle by 10 percent, gotten rid of hundreds of tanks and scores of planes. Reserve days were cut from 14 million a year to under five million," Biran said.

"But no, we are not going to cut the order of battle any more. We have to provide an answer to the growing threats facing us."

Biran said the IDF needs more than the additional NIS 2 billion approved by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to carry out crucial modernization plans, such as adding more Merkava tanks. New trucks and fighter planes are also needed, Biran said.

The sum approved by Netanyahu is in addition to the NIS 33.6b allocated previously for defense. It is the first time since 1991 that the defense budget is being increased in real terms.

The current NIS 32.6b defense budget represents 7.5% of the GDP and 16.3% of the NIS 207b state budget. It is still the largest bite out of the budget pie, but also the smallest percentage of the GDP and state budget in Israel's history.

Three external committees headed by non-defense establishment figures have examined defense expenditures, salaries and pensions, and resources.

The committee on defense

expenditures, headed by Prof. Haim Barkai, formerly of the Hebrew University, found that there is no way the IDF could sustain its current order of battle without a "serious increase" in the defense budget.

The committee suggested that the order of battle is not sacred and could be reduced by between 20% and 30% if the defense budget is not increased.

The committee also examined the defense budget as a percentage of GDP, and noted that while the GDP had doubled in the past 17 years, the resources allotted to the IDF remained static.

A second committee on resources, headed by David Boaz, a former Treasury budget director, determined that there is an annual gap of NIS 4.5b, between what the IDF needs to implement its plans, and what it actually gets. This gap would total NIS 54b, over the next 12 years if the budget is not increased, the committee noted: since there is no way these sums could be allocated, there is no alternative but to cut the size of the IDF.

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Clinton's speech

Text of President Bill Clinton's address, as transcribed by the Federal Document Clearing House:

Good evening.

This afternoon in this room, from this chair, I testified before the Office of Independent Counsel and the grand jury. I answered their questions truthfully, including questions about my private life, questions no American citizen would ever want to answer.

Still, I must take complete responsibility for all my actions, both public and private. And that is why I am speaking to you tonight.

As you know, in a deposition in January, I was asked questions about my relationship with Monica Lewinsky. While my answers were legally accurate, I did not volunteer information.

Indeed, I did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible.

But I told the grand jury today and I say to you now that at no time did I ask anyone to lie, to hide or destroy evidence, or to take any other unlawful action.

I know that my public comments and my silence about this matter gave a false impression. I misled people, including even my wife. I deeply regret that.

I can only tell you I was motivated by many factors. First, by a desire to protect myself from the embarrassment of my own conduct.

I was also very concerned about protecting my family. The fact that these questions were being asked in a politically inspired lawsuit, which has since been dismissed, was a consideration, too.

In addition, I had real and serious concerns about an independent counsel investigation that began with private business dealings 20 years ago. Dealings, I might add, about which an independent federal agency found no evidence of any wrongdoing by me or my wife over two years ago.

The independent counsel investigation moved on to my staff and friends, then into my private life. And now the investigation itself is under investigation.

This has gone on too long, cost too much and hurt too many innocent people.

Now, this matter is between me, the two people I love most — my wife and our daughter — and our God. I must put it right, and I am prepared to do whatever it takes to do so.

Nothing is more important to me personally. But it is private, and I intend to reclaim my family life for my family.

It's nobody's business but ours. Even presidents have private lives. It is time to stop the pursuit of personal destruction and the prying into private lives and get on with our national life.

Our country has been distracted by this matter for too long, and I take my responsibility for my part in all of this. That is all I can do.

Now it is time — in fact, it is past time — to move on.

We have important work to do — real opportunities to seize, real problems to solve, real security matters to face.

And so tonight, I ask you to turn away from the spectacle of the past seven months, to repair the fabric of our national discourse, and to return our attention to all the challenges and all the promise of the next American century.

Thank you for watching. And good night. (AP)

Presidential scandal far from over

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — President Bill Clinton and much of the American public would like to put the Monica Lewinsky affair behind them, but experts and politicians said yesterday that is not likely to happen.

The day after Clinton's televised confession that he had sexual relations with the former White House intern, there seemed to be little chance of special prosecutor Kenneth Starr and Republicans in Congress dropping the scandal that has grabbed the nation's attention for seven months.

Starr still has a report to send Congress on Lewinsky, as well as conducting other investigations into Clinton's activities. And Congress will then have to decide if there is enough evidence to begin impeachment hearings.

Despite previous denials, Clinton told the nation on Monday night he had an affair with Lewinsky and added, "I take my responsibility for my part in all of this... Now it is time, in fact it is past time, to move on."

Early polls showed yesterday that many Americans agree with him. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup said 65 percent of the public want his speech and testimony to the grand jury to end the matter.

But there are still many loose ends. For one, Clinton's lawyer David Kendall said the president refused to give specifics in answers to "highly intrusive questions." That opened the possibility that Starr may want to question him again.

"If prosecutors were to press for specifics, they would be entitled to them," said Eric Freedman, professor of constitutional law at Hofstra University. "His first legal hurdle is the prospect that prosecutors are unwilling to accept generalizations that go over well in a speech."

The White House could fight in court any attempt by Starr to get more testimony but political observers said since Clinton didn't fight the first subpoena, going to court now would be very risky.

"They would be wasting their time," Freedman said. "The obligation of the president to give testimony is firmly established by almost two centuries of presidential practices in court proceedings."

Starr still has work to do. He is still investigating the Arkansas land deal known as Whitewater, the dismissal of aides from the White House travel office, the appearance of FBI files in unauthorized hands and the question of whether there was an attempt to buy the silence of former Justice Department official Webster Hubbell.

Clinton's grand jury testimony did not end that panel's work, either. Former Clinton adviser Dick Morris went before the grand jury yesterday, and Lewinsky could be called back, too.

Once Starr completes his report, the House Judiciary Committee will study it to see if impeachment hearings are required.

While Clinton's speech might have blunted talk of impeachment in some circles, there were many keeping it alive and others suggesting the best way to avoid the ordeal was resignation.

"I think this is a far more serious matter than perhaps the public perceives," Representative Bill McCollum, a Florida Republican who serves on the committee, told CBS's *This Morning*.

"If there is clear evidence the president lied in a judicial proceeding, if he did, I think it's going to be very difficult for Judiciary Committee members not to vote for impeachment." (Reuters)



A 16-inch 'Fondle Me Bubba' doll, clad in boxer shorts printed with red hearts, is displayed in New York. Sales of the dolls, caricatures of President Clinton that utter suggestive remarks when squeezed below the waist, soared this week, their creator said. (Reuters)

Expert: Mideast to feel fallout from the affair

By LIAT COLLINS

Israel, like the rest of the world, is likely to feel the political fallout from the Monica Lewinsky affair right up to the US elections in 2000, according to political scientist Prof. Eitan Gilboa, an expert in US-Israeli relations.

US President Bill Clinton is now in a paradoxical situation, Gilboa said.

On the one hand, he is presumably more motivated than ever to bring about a diplomatic coup, such as peace between Israel and Syria or concluding the peace process with the Palestinians, because it would shore up his image. On the other hand, this affair has seriously reduced his ability to do so.

Clinton had noted in his speech Monday that there are important matters in the world that need attention, Gilboa pointed out.

"Without the direct involvement of the president, things do not move [in the peace process]," Gilboa said, adding that for the last weeks Clinton has not been available to deal with it.

But the damage to Clinton's credibility could prove to be a serious obstacle.

"His administration constantly accuses [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu of misleading it. So how is a president who admits he misled his country, friends and family going to be able to accuse Netanyahu of not telling the truth?"

"There has been an erosion in the president's ability to handle world affairs," he said. Saddam Hussein might also try to exploit Clinton's weak position in the crisis there.

"If the president continues to be weak, it will help Hussein carry out more extreme moves," Gilboa said. Similarly, Clinton's situation could encourage the extremists in Iran.

"The standing of US has an effect everywhere in the world," Gilboa said.

"If he succeeds in surviving in the White House — and he still has a reasonable chance — he will want to use the remaining two years in office to repair his image in history."

But if Clinton is impeached and replaced by Al Gore, he will require a long adjustment period that will coincide with the run-up to the presidential elections, Gilboa said.

In that case, "I don't think there would be time for major new initiatives but more to further existing processes."

AP adds:

Top Palestinian officials voiced concern yesterday that Clinton's confession will

weaken him to the point that he will be unable to pressure Israel in the stalled peace process.

"Obviously we have been paying the price of a besieged administration incapable of taking bold positions in the peace process," said Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi.

"The peace process has been paying the price of a shaken president and the diversion of attention," said Ashrawi, who until last month was the Palestinian Authority's higher education minister.

Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, however, did not think the issue was relevant.

"The peace process has not been interrupted by the problem that the president has had and we expect it not to be interrupted in the near future, either," Bar-Ilan said.

Clinton takes a page from Bibi's book

When it came down to acknowledging a sexual liaison with Monica Lewinsky, US President Bill Clinton might have been borrowing from a television script written by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu five years ago.

Netanyahu, then a contender for the Likud leadership, went on television at the time to admit to having cheated on his third wife Sara.

The words Netanyahu used in 1993 to salvage his own political career — while accusing political rival David Levy of trying to blackmail him — seemed to ring out again in Clinton's television address on Monday.

"It is a personal matter and will remain a personal matter... If I have a debt, and I have a debt on this matter, it is to my wife, my family, and no one else," Netanyahu said at the time. "Politicians have private lives; too. There are problems in many families..."

In his speech, Clinton took a similar tack.

"Now this matter is between me, the two people I love most — my wife and our daughter — and our God. I must put it right, and I am prepared to do whatever it takes to do so. Nothing is more important personally," he said. "But it is private and I intend to reclaim my family life for my family... Even presidents have private lives."

Netanyahu told reporters on Monday that Clinton is a "friend of Israel and I'm sure he will overcome all the problems." (Reuters)

Jerusalem 'forgives' the president

By AMY KLEIN

If the streets of Jerusalem are any indication, Israelis are a very forgiving people.

While President Bill Clinton's public admission that he had an "improper" relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky surprised some Jerusalem pedestrians yesterday morning, most of those surveyed said they forgive the US president. And a national survey conducted by Channel Two's *Reshet in the Morning* show found that 92% of Israelis forgive Clinton, and only 8% do not.

From talk shows to coffee shops, almost everyone had something to say about the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.

"Let him do whatever he wants," said 43-year-old Ori Levy from

Shoreh. "If it doesn't affect the political situation, then why should it matter?"

Most people surveyed believed that because Clinton is such a good leader, his confession — and his sins — shouldn't keep him from remaining president. "He does a good job as the president, and he's good for Israel and for the world. He keeps a check on Iran, Iraq, Egypt," said Avi Cohen. The 27-year-old life-guard doesn't think it will affect Clinton's status among world leaders. "People like Mubarak, Hussein, Blair, I think they can put it aside," he said.

"He's done great things for the American economy," said Na'ama Weintraub, 23. "If Israel had such a good leader, I don't think we'd care about this kind of thing."

It was the Americans themselves who got the rap for their reaction to the whole scandal. "Americans are not normal. Two embassies were blown up and hundreds of people died, and this is what they care about?" said Moti Cohen, a 41-year-old cabdriver and father of three.

Europeans are amazed at America's obsession with Lewinsky, said Sara Weil, an American who lives in Belgium. "In Europe, no one cares who you sleep with as long as you do a good job," she said. "They can't understand what the big deal is. They always ask me, 'What's wrong with your country?'"

Her French uncle, Daniel Weil, added: "Whoever doesn't mess around, drink a little and let loose — how can you trust him?"

But perhaps the forgiving attitudes of most Israelis reflect less on their kind nature than on their opinions of men, fidelity and extramarital affairs.

"He's just a man, like every other man," said Shoshi Shalom, 40. "He made a mistake."

"He's a man. He can do whatever he wants," said 40-year-old Grigory Vinovsky who immigrated from Russia six years ago. "In the Russian parliament, everyone does it. It's a man's thing and it has nothing to do with politics," he said.

Sixty-something Mathilda Piran from the capital's Gilo neighborhood said, "I can look aside and forgive him. It happens. If my husband cheated on me, I would forgive him. It's in the genes, you know."

Shuli Cohen, 18, was shocked by the confession because she never believed Clinton was guilty. "If my husband would cheat on me, I would leave him in a second. But

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Fatah 'constitution' stirs outcry from MKs

By LIAT COLLINS
and news agencies

MKs from both Left and Right are calling on the Palestinian Authority to cancel the clauses calling for Israel's destruction as they appear in the Fatah constitution.

The matter was raised yesterday at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee by committee chairman Uzi Landau (Likud).

The document, from 1965 and known by Palestinians as the founding charter of Fatah, has been published on the Fatah website as part of an information package on its history, said Jamal Shoubaki of the Fatah Central Committee.

The group has since changed its priorities, but has never updated its charter, Shoubaki said, adding that Fatah supports the peace talks.

Landau said the document should be seen as another sign of the Palestinian feeling following the reports on children in Palestinian Authority summer camps being encouraged to support a jihad against Israel.

Moderator Rehavam Ze'evi said the Fatah constitution is the same as the Palestinian Covenant, which has not yet been abolished, only worse.

MK Haim Ramon (Labor) said the constitution is "very serious, and obliges all of us - no matter what our outlook - to demand that Arafat, who controls Fatah, distance himself from it and state he had no part in it... and to cancel it immediately." The constitution appears on the Fatah's Internet site (<http://www.fateh.org>).

Among the most noteworthy clauses is Article 12 under the headline "Goals" which reads: "Complete liberation of Palestine and eradication of Zionist eco-

nomic, political, military and cultural existence."

Under the headline "Method," are articles which state: "Armed public revolution is the inevitable method to liberating Palestine," (Article 17) and "Armed struggle is a strategy and not a tactic and the Palestinian Arab People's armed revolution is a decisive factor in the liberation fight and in uprooting the Zionist existence and this struggle will not cease unless the Zionist state is demolished and Palestine is completely liberated." (Article 19).

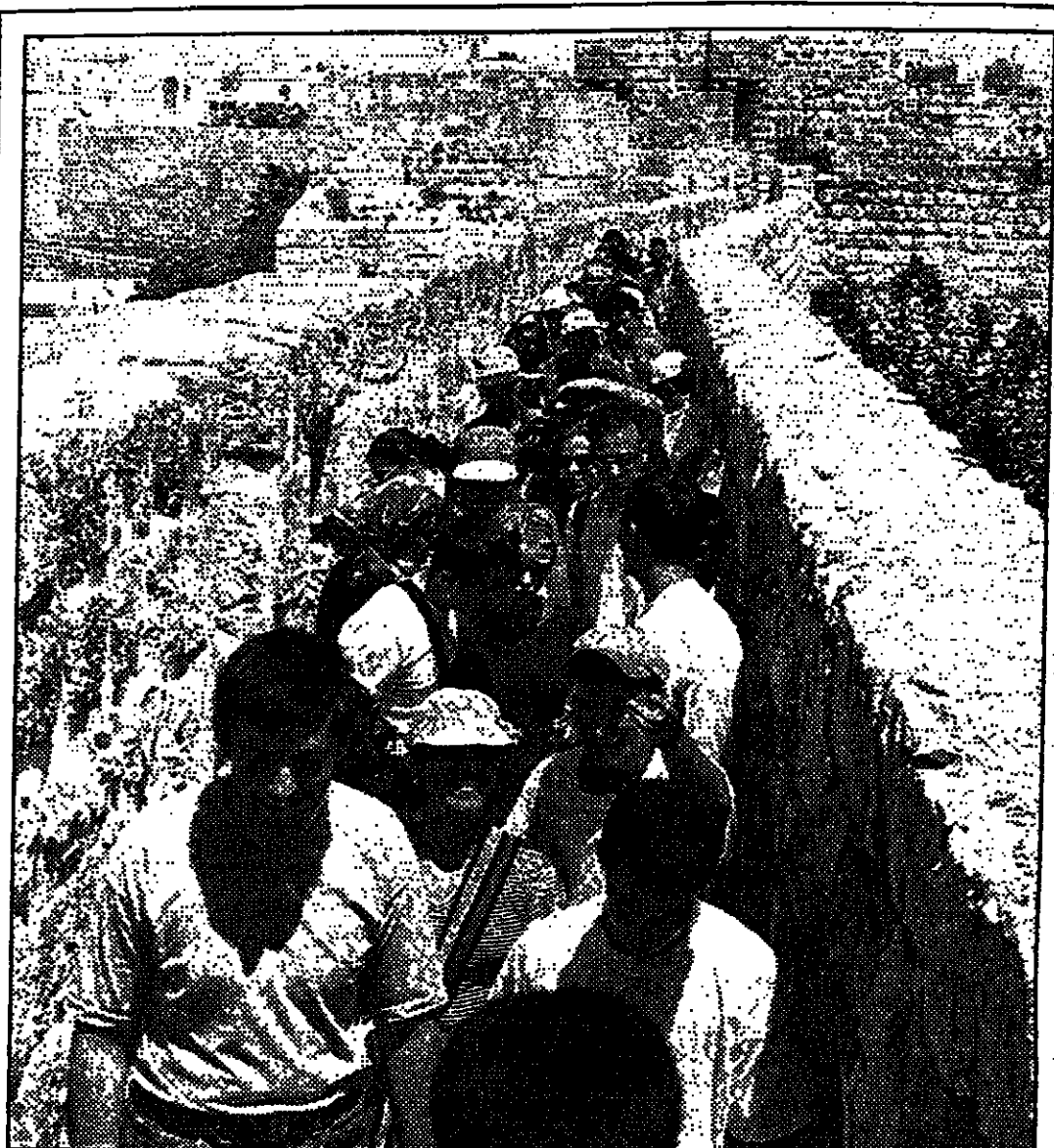
There is also a clause (Article 22) "Opposing any political solution offered as an alternative to demolishing the Zionist occupation in Palestine..." and one (Article 25) about "Convincing concerned countries in the world to prevent Jewish immigration to Palestine as a method of solving the problem."

Under the headline "The Movement's Essential Principles," the constitution describes Zionism as "racist" and "colonist" and says, "The Palestinian struggle is part and parcel of the worldwide struggle against Zionism, colonialism and international imperialism."

Also at yesterday's committee meeting, Ramon accused the head of military intelligence, Major General Amos Malka, of not giving the committee full information on the Palestinians and possible scenarios if the peace process does not progress.

He said the prime minister had instructed Malka not to give this information to the MKs.

The IDF Spokesman later stated in response, "The only limit placed on the head of military intelligence is the need to preserve secrecy. There is no political restraint placed on him."



Graduation time for new immigrants

The first class of graduates of the Jewish Agency's Chalom program marked the completion of their studies yesterday with a walk around the ramparts of the Old City. The program seeks to enable single immigrants from the former Soviet Union to be absorbed through vocational training. Most of the class will soon be inducted into the IDF. (Douglas Guthrie)

Egypt denies reports of Abu Nidal capture

News agencies

CAIRO - Egyptian security officials yesterday denied that master terrorist Abu Nidal had been arrested in Egypt, responding to news reports and several days of rumors that the one-time Palestinian terrorist was in custody.

They also said that followers of Abu Nidal - the nom de guerre of Sabri al-Banna - had not been detained in Egypt.

In Beirut, a source in Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council also denied the reports.

"The news about arresting the Palestinian leader Sabri al-Banna is not true and we suspect the motives behind this news, especially at this

time," said the source.

The source in Beirut said the veteran terror leader's Fatah Revolutionary Council had sacked five of its members, including some in leading positions, two weeks ago.

The Egyptian security officials spoke on condition their names not be used. A similar denial was carried on Egypt's Middle East News Agency, quoting a security source who called the reports "untrue and baseless." The reports were carried by a foreign news agency Monday and the Arabic daily *Al-Hayat* yesterday.

They included comments by Egyptian and Palestinian officials denying any knowledge of such an arrest.

Abu Nidal's capture would be a major victory for anti-terrorist authorities. The US State Department lists his group as "the most dangerous terrorist organization in existence," blamed for killing 300 people and wounding 650 in 20 countries since 1973.

Rumors of Abu Nidal's alleged arrest in Egypt have been circulating in the Palestinian community in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as well as in Lebanon.

Some Palestinian sources said he was seized a month ago while coming from Libya. Others said henchman of the terrorist leader were arrested but not the man himself. All the sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Technion develops electronic probes to monitor birth

By JUDY SIEGEL

The world's first electronic probes that monitor the progress of a baby's delivery and replace the conventional method of inserting fingers that leads to many infections have been developed by a start-up company at the Technion.

The disposable probes, costing \$100 per set, have been shown to work well on a simulator, and are waiting for approval by the Helsinki Committees on Human Experimentation of the Health

Ministry and of Carmel and Bnai Zion hospitals in Haifa so clinical testing can begin.

The system was developed over the past year by David Tomer, an engineer who founded and heads Labor Control Systems (LCS) Ltd. The company expects to test the probes on 60 to 120 women giving birth at the two hospitals with the aim of getting approval from the US Food and Drug Administration.

Although the main potential markets are North America, Western Europe, and China, Tomer said yes-

terday that he hopes the probes would be in use in Israeli delivery rooms in less than two years.

Today, women in delivery wear monitors over their abdomen to detect uterine contractions and fetal heartbeats, and, less frequently, vaginal monitors are inserted to detect fetal heartbeats.

Even though they wear sterile gloves, the many bacteria in the vagina are pushed by the fingers into the cervix and beyond, causing widespread infections in the mothers and the babies. Five per-

cent to 10% of mothers and 0.5% to 2% of newborns develop infections after delivery.

The LCS probes offer the bonus of monitoring uterine contractions, but don't replace the need for a fetal heartbeat monitor.

The probes, coated with plastic and about the length and circumference of a little finger, come either in wired or wireless forms, sending data to a small electronic device worn by the woman on her thigh or waist. The data is also transmitted to a monitor in the delivery room.

'Supreme committee' to decide on new drugs for health services

By JUDY SIEGEL

Health Minister Yehoshua Matza has appointed a 15-member "supreme committee" of doctors, health fund and Finance Ministry representatives and even a professor of Jewish thought to decide what new drugs and medical technologies will be added to the basket of health services next year.

The move comes despite the urging of Health Ministry Ombudsman Dr. Karmi Rubin in her recent first annual report that a strictly professional committee deal with this complex and controversial issue.

The committee, to be chaired by ministry director-general Prof. Gabi Barabash, was set up because the Treasury approved the allocation of NIS 150 million for new medications and technologies - the same amount it added, after much public pressure, to the health budget for 1998.

Matza said he wants the committee to take into consideration "all the factors - medical and economic" when making their decision. Matza said that he hoped the "breakthrough" of Finance Ministry approval, made possible "by Health Ministry efforts," would be repeated year after year.

The other members will be Dr. Boaz Lev, associate director-gen-

eral of the Health Ministry; Prof. Yehoshua Shemer, a ministry associate director-general for medical technologies and infrastructures; ministry deputy director-general Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich; ministry lawyer Moshe Tirosh; Sheba Hospital director-general Prof. Mordechai Shani; Treasury budgets chief David Milgrom and his deputy Haim Pelts; Kupat Holim Clalit director-general Dr. Yitzhak Peterburg; Kupat Holim Leumi director-general Shmuel Rozenman; Dr. Ze'ev Aharonson of Kupat Holim Meuhedet; Prof. Alex Aviram of Kupat Holim Maccabi; Prof. Bracha Ramot, a long-time Maccabi official; Hebrew University professor of Jewish thought Avi Ravitzky; and Ruth Yaron of the Foreign Ministry's School for Technology.

Last year, Barabash, Lev and Berlovich unilaterally decided which drugs to add to the basket of services, and they were put under strong pressure by organizations of patients with specific diseases.

According to Rubin's report, the health system lacked a professional apparatus that could decide which drugs were most vital to patients' health and most cost effective, but also what criteria had to be met before approved drugs were supplied at subsidized prices (or free) to patients.

She justified complaints in which expensive drugs against osteoporosis and schizophrenia were supplied by the health fund only if the patient met impossible conditions - such as that no other existing drug helped him. Lack of the drug, in many cases, risked hospitalization costing much more than the drug itself, Rubin found.

Barabash explained that he disagrees that a strictly in-house professional committee should be given such responsibility.

"Because of the economic and social aspects, in addition to the medical considerations, we wanted a broader group, and we specifically included two women," he said. He added that two senior Treasury officials were invited to join the committee because of the economic considerations and "because we want them to be our partners."

Barabash said he would consider inviting the press to attend the sessions, the first of which will be held next month.

"Although there is never enough money for new drugs and technologies, we think that a figure that is 1% of the national health insurance budget is reasonable," concluded Barabash, who said he is going to leave his post and return to his job as director-general of Ichilov Hospital at the end of this year.

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Polish premier hopes to resolve row over Auschwitz crosses

News Agencies

WARSAW - Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek said yesterday the government will try to terminate a lease for property where a controversial cross stands near Auschwitz.

"The government wants to solve this conflict very much," said Buzek before a cabinet meeting that was likely to discuss the matter.

The cross has sparked a dispute between Poland and Israel, inspiring conservative Catholics to erect dozens more smaller crosses on the same site to protest efforts by Jewish groups to have the original, larger cross removed.

In Jerusalem, Chief Ashkenazi rabbi Yisrael Lau yesterday sought the intervention of Pope John Paul II to ensure the removal of the crosses. Lau met in his office with a group of Catholic priests from Rome - members of the peace group St. Egidio - and handed them a letter for the pope.

Lau would not make the letter public, saying he first wanted the pope to read it. "Erecting crosses at this Jewish graveyard, and making it into a Christian site twists history, distorting the past and misleading future generations," Lau said.

"We would like this place to be one where the only thing screaming out is silence," said Lau. "To

make it into a Christian site with crosses raised high is something of a travesty. The pope, who is more familiar with the issue than any of us, certainly knows this was primarily a death camp for Jews."

Buzek's announcement indicated the Polish government wants to take control of the land from a war victims' association to gain more leverage in seeking a compromise acceptable to Jewish groups and the Catholic church, a major power in Polish society.

Top church officials have condemned the smaller crosses erected in recent weeks but want the larger cross, which was used in a 1979 Mass celebrated near

Auschwitz by the pope, to remain.

A newspaper report yesterday quoted government spokesman Jaroslaw Sellin as saying Buzek's cabinet also wanted the smaller crosses removed but for the papal cross to remain.

"Because this pertains to spiritual matters we have to move very carefully," Buzek said before the cabinet meeting. "It is very difficult."

Buzek said the war victims' association violated a provision in the lease that prohibited harming the church's authority. He also said there were other violations that would allow the lease to be terminated.

But Mieczyslaw Janosz, presi-

dent of the war victims' association, said yesterday he would take the government to court if it tried to terminate the lease.

Jewish groups refused to sign a \$93.5 million preservation plan for Auschwitz this year because of the papal cross, which was erected in 1988.

The papal cross honors 152 Poles killed by the Nazis in 1941 on property bordering Auschwitz that later became a Carmelite nunnery. The Pope asked the nuns to leave the site in 1993 in response to Jewish protests, but the nuns leased the land for 20 years to a Polish war victims' association before moving about a kilometer away.

Yanai questioned again in Manbar case

Attorney Pinat Yanai testified again yesterday at National Fraud Squad Headquarters in Bat Yam, in response to testimony Sunday by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov.

In previous testimony, Yanai told police investigators about her version of events they had heard about from her former boyfriend, Ziv Chen. Chen's testimony was included in a statement used as the basis for a petition filed by lawyer Amnon Zichroni to the High Court of Justice, asking that Strashnov be forced to recuse himself in the Nahum Manbar case.

She has testified about her relationship with Strashnov and her ties with Shai Bazak, formerly the prime minister's spokesman. She was also questioned about a trip to China that was connected to the Manbar case.

When Yanai completes her testimony, Zichroni is expected to be questioned, as will Bazak before he leaves to take up his new position as consul-general in Miami. (Tim)



Leapin' lizards

Kite enthusiasts launch a huge, lizard-shaped creation yesterday at the Afifoniada, the Israel Museum's annual kite-flying event in Jerusalem. (Brian Hendler)

Eilat beaches still closed by sewage spill

By LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

Beaches in Eilat remained closed yesterday after a broken pipeline spewed raw sewage into the sea, raising e-coli bacteria to 50 times the allowed level.

Large amounts of sewage flowed into the sea after the main pipeline broke Saturday and the Health Ministry on Monday ordered most of the beaches closed for the first time in the resort's history.

The city's northern beach remains closed to all bathing until further notice, while the southern beach remains clean. The ministry said sewage flow, due to the collapse of a pipe, was halted two days ago when the municipality replaced the pipe, but the contamination will take some time to clean up.

The sewage sent tourists scrambling for hotel pools after it

spilled onto the city's main thoroughfare, Hatmarim Street, a tourism plaza, the local airport and into the sea.

Although the main was fixed Sunday, it leaked large amounts of sewage again Monday for three hours during a test and Hatmarim Street was closed.

The Health Ministry said yesterday the pipeline had not yet been fixed and the beaches would be closed for a few more days.

Eilat Mayor Gabi Kadosh warned that the sewage was scaring away tourists, most of whom are Israelis at this time of the year. "Until this incident, we have never been forced to close all the city's main beaches," Kadosh said. "This will have serious implications for tourism in Eilat." Kadosh hopes to get the city nominated as next year's host for the Miss Universe pageant.

Apart from endangering public health and tourism, the flow of

sewage into the waters off Eilat is likely to cause damage to the corals which could last several years. According to Ronni King, the chief biologist in the Eilat region for the Nature Protection and National Parks Authority, it is too early to estimate the damage but it is clear the effect will be felt in the future.

"The unique aspect of the Red Sea off Eilat is that it does not have nutrients in the water. Now with organic material being introduced by the sewage flow, it is likely to result in an increase in algae," he said.

The different types of algae affect the corals in different ways, some fighting them for space,

some sitting on the corals and "suffocating" them and some starving the corals of light they need to survive.

"There is no doubt that this type of incident affects the natural equilibrium of the gulf," King said. Although the algae grow and die fairly rapidly, the effects on the corals and environment can be felt much longer, he said.

The relatively "closed" nature of the Gulf of Eilat compounds the effects, he noted.

Judy Siegel contributed to this report.

Worldwide campaign aims to raise money for the sick

By JUDY SIEGEL

A worldwide grassroots campaign to unite Jews and raise money for the sick among them will be held on Sunday, Rosh Hodesh Elul.

Operation Refuah, the first-ever non-political, non-profit effort of its kind, is aimed at encouraging people to give charity in any amount to any organization of their choice, keeping the welfare of the ill in mind. In addition, they are asked to reach out to patients in hospitals around the world through personal letters extending wishes for a speedy recovery.

The campaign was set for the first day of Elul, which is the beginning of a month of spiritual

preparation for Rosh Hashana a month later. The letters will be collected by Operation Refuah's main headquarters in New Jersey, which can be reached by mail at 1640 Vauxhall Road, Suite C-1, Union, New Jersey 07083, USA, by fax at 908-851-0899 or via e-mail at OREFUAH@juno.com.

The operation's Web site is at www.sjrassociates.com/orefuah.html. They will then be distributed among Jewish organizations that visit the sick which will send volunteers to deliver them personally. Originally, the campaign, endorsed by New Jersey's Rabbi Elazar Teitz, was to be limited to the US, said Sheila Nashofer and Hadassah Goldsmith, of Elizabeth, New Jersey who origi-

nated the idea. But "as soon as people in other countries heard about Operation Refuah, they also wanted to participate."

Voluntary organizations in Israel, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Italy, Mexico, South Africa, Spain and Venezuela have asked to participate.

The campaign's sponsor, Susan Roth of the US, is dedicating the effort to a young cousin of hers, Sandra Lynn Baruch, who died recently from a tragic illness.

The Israeli effort is being coordinated by a voluntary organization in Jerusalem's Bayit Vagan quarter called Yesh Sachar Lepeulatyach, 41 Rehov Uziel (tel. 02-6432165).

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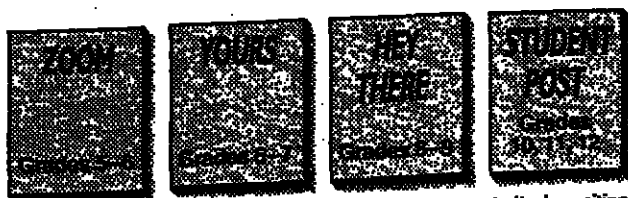
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Elephant and flea

A glance at a map of central Africa shows the tiny little state of Rwanda sitting on a tiny segment of the vast eastern border of the Democratic Republic of Congo (former Zaire). The Congo is so huge and Rwanda so small that a cartoonist might represent the pair as a flea on an elephant's back.

It is, however, a venomous little flea and it has its giant neighbor all but paralyzed. Rwandan forces helped Laurent Kabila overthrow the late Mobutu Sese Seko last year. He was such a monstrous dictator and the world was so pleased to see him go, few cared about the backing behind the rebel Kabila — the man from Katanga who had become the hope of Zaire. In any case, the international community retained much sympathy for Rwanda's ruling Tutsis. The Tutsis had been cruelly massacred by the majority Hutus in Rwanda's infamous genocide.

Now we can see once again that foreign intervention in another country's affairs is a messy business. However justified, as with Bosnia, intervention is easy to get into and the devil's own business to get out of.

Byzantium africanus
The interlinked tribal and power politics of the central African states of the Congo, Democratic Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola and Uganda are of Byzantine complexity and unpredictability.

There is no brief summary that will suffice, no good guys and bad guys to identify with. It is tempting, if somewhat glib, to say they are all bad guys.

However, there is a danger that the Congo's foreign-aided internal power struggle could degenerate into a real central African mess of unimaginable proportions. That would almost certainly demand real foreign intervention, either legalized by the United Nations, or justified by the self-interests of traditional big-power players in Africa.

Trying to get a grip on what is going on is an exercise in dissecting confusion. Leaders of seven African states met yesterday in Harare, Zimbabwe, to assess the crisis, and there were rumors Kabila might show up. Journalists seeking information were unceremoniously ejected from the meeting place at the national military headquarters.

Reporters as usual are the messengers requiring shooting, rather than an integral part of the information flow. A meeting a day earlier of African foreign ministers revealed nothing beyond a vague report that they would "assess" the reports that Rwanda and Uganda were aiding the rebellion against Kabila.

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

Bitten hands
In the Congo itself, the rebels claimed to be advancing on Kinshasa, the US embassy was temporarily closed, and foreigners continued to leave by plane or ferry to Brazzaville, just across the river. Residents reported the city itself to be calm, with no sign of military activity — a euphemism for tense, since they woke up to a major power failure. The government has admitted that the rebels have seized the vast Inga dam controlling the narrow Congo River valley that joins the Congo to a tiny Atlantic coast in the west. Inga not only controls power for Kinshasa, but for Brazzaville across the river, which was also blacked out.

While the conflict is just beginning to attract international headlines, its roots go back to Rwanda's help in installing Kabila, and its trigger came a month ago when Kabila bit the hands that armed him.

In July, Kabila fired his Rwandan army chief and replaced him with an old crony (and brother-in-law) from his native Katanga. He followed this two weeks later by ordering Rwandan troops who had backed his war against Mobutu to leave the country.

Five days later, on August 2 and with an obvious green light from Rwanda, Tutsi soldiers revolted at the main army barracks in Kinshasa and spread to other towns. Soldiers in the east declared an all-out rebellion. A day later Kabila's foreign minister defected to the rebels as former loyalists were redrawn to new battle lines.

Fired again
Within three days, the airport at Kisingani in the northeast was under attack, the Rwandan border was closed and Washington and Brussels advised their nationals to leave the Congo. Africa's latest war was under way.

Kabila accused Rwanda of an invasion and threatened to take the war into Rwanda itself. He also accused Uganda of sending troops to support the Rwandans.

Most disturbing of all, reports are coming in of native Tutsis being rounded up as "spies" and killed in the east — a worrying rerun of the massacre of Hutus by Kabila's advancing forces in the first war last year.

A few days ago Kabila sacked his buddy army chief (brother-in-law), whose appointment started the rebellion and whose incompetence failed to contain it. Kabila has asked Angola for air support, Zimbabwe for troops and Namibia for logistic help.

For Rwanda the flea, the elephant may not be easy prey this time. But the elephant appears not to care how many Africans get trampled in the process.

Reflecting on the casualties

When Clinton admitted to an inappropriate relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, he left his loyal defenders — not to mention his most staunch supporter, Hillary — mired in a mortifying mess

By LLOYD GROVE

It's never pleasant when the big boss urges you out on a shaky limb and then saws it off. Pulls the rug out from under you. Makes you look a fool.

It's doubly difficult when your boss happens to be president of the United States, the leader of the free world, and he does all this in full view of the known universe.

Yet that describes the mortifying mess in which President Clinton and his most loyal defenders found themselves mired Monday.

As the Monica Lewinsky scandal reached its tawdry nadir, members of Clinton's Cabinet and senior staff — who have spent the last seven months eloquently affirming that he didn't have sex with the former White House intern — were coping with widespread reports that the president was admitting to doing just that in grand jury testimony before independent counsel Kenneth Starr. Clinton's most impassioned protector, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, was simply coping.

In his televised speech Monday night, Clinton denied perjury himself but admitted misleading his wife, among others, about "a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate."

"There has to be a bond of trust so that you know your boss is not going to stab you in the back," former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said Monday, bluntly describing the situation.

"He did put them in an incredibly awkward position, completely by virtue of his own actions," said former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers, who joined Clinton's first presidential campaign in 1991.

"The president has to apologize to them in order for all of them to go forward."

The evidence suggests that the president made misleading statements about his relationship with Lewinsky — not only to the American people ("I did not have



Clinton prepares for his speech to the world following more than four hours of grand jury testimony late Monday night. (Reuters)

sexual relations with that woman"), but also to his wife and daughter, his Cabinet, his lawyers and his top staff. Not to mention in his sworn deposition last January in the since-dismissed Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

But since the scandal broke, such Clintonites as Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, White House communications director Ann Lewis, advisers Rahm Emanuel and Paul Begala, and, notably, the first lady have taken to the airwaves to deliver stirring defenses of the president and bruising attacks on his accusers.

Today many of those denials and defenses are, in the lingo of a previous White House scandal, "inoperative."

"When you serve the president of the United States," said Panetta, who left Clinton's White House in early 1997, "you obviously operate on a basis of trust that what he's doing and what he's saying is honest and truthful to you always. There's always a spin to put things in the best light, and I think that's kind of accepted practice. But what you're saying in terms of the facts has to be true."

Panetta's successor, Erskine

Bowles, Monday appealed for loyalty, stressing "the importance of sticking together" at a senior staff meeting, the Associated Press reported.

Lewis — who has been among Clinton's most aggressive defenders — sounded decidedly subdued on Monday. "I'm not going to talk about it for a while," she said in a brief telephone conversation.

Her brother, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., another staunch Clinton

Clintonite, elaborated on the theme of the necessary lie.

"The man said something trying to protect his family," Carville asserted. "I have a hard time blaming somebody for something I've been tempted to do myself. I'm not in an awkward position. I'm a Frenchman, man. I don't see any crime here for all this 24-hour news coverage and \$50 million investigation. To tell you the truth, I was five times more upset about

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— Leon Panetta, former White House chief of staff

defender, explained Lewis' mood: "She's very close to Hillary."

Hillary Clinton had accused a "vast right-wing conspiracy" of concocting the allegations, which included obstruction of justice and perjury.

"Certainly I believe they're false. Absolutely," she said on NBC's "Today" show.

Longtime Clinton political guru Dick Morris, who was banished from the White House after a sex scandal of his own, said: "I feel badly for Hillary. I do not weep any tears for his staff people. The staff are like blockers in a football game. Their job is to get beaten up. And any of them who were dumb enough to actually believe Clinton's stories deserve what happens to them."

Former presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos, who has become a critic, erupted in an unprintable epithet when his onetime rival's comments were read to him.

"These people went out and did their duty, and did it loyally and well," Stephanopoulos said.

"There's nothing dishonorable about taking your boss at his word," James Carville, another promi-

the welfare bill cutting illegal immigrants off benefits than this nickel-dime stuff."

Myers, however, compared the latest developments to a multibillion-dollar catastrophe. "I really do believe it's like an earthquake," she said. "The first thing you have to do is clean up the mess — get the broken glass off the floor, make sure the gas is shut down. You don't immediately think: 'Omigod! How am I going to live in this house?'"

Clinton's staff may be upset with him, Myers said, but he has never been quick to apologize. Monday night, Clinton expressed regret for his conduct but stopped short of apologizing.

Morris, meanwhile, theorized that Clinton believes that as a legal matter, he did not lie.

"That will appear much more significant to him than to any other American, because he literally, in my judgment, thought about his capacity to truthfully deny a sexual relationship while he was having sex."

Is there anyone to whom Clinton does not owe an apology? "Ken Starr," Myers replied. (The Washington Post)

Covering the Clinton media blitz

By HOWARD KURTZ

Lanny Davis dialed into NewsChannel 8 shortly after 1 p.m. and fielded a question he could not possibly answer.

"Do you expect the president is changing his testimony right now?" anchor Dave Williamson asked.

"I've heard news reports from fairly reliable sources that that's what's likely to occur," said the former White House lawyer, who had appeared on NBC moments earlier.

For all the live shots from the North Lawn and the courthouse, for all the fancy graphics and the bizarre CNN mini-scoreboard ticking off the elapsed minutes of presidential testimony, it was clear throughout the long afternoon that no one in television land knew

what was going on.

That didn't stop 'em. "The hour is here," NBC's Tom Brokaw had intoned at 1 p.m. as the Big Three networks briefly blitzed the airwaves, planting their corporate flags on the climactic day of the Monica Lewinsky saga.

Brokaw lamented "this historic and sad day in the republic of the United States." ABC's Peter Jennings tossed to George Stephanopoulos, who said "sources" had told him that his former colleague Paul Begala was helping draft a prime-time speech.

The turf was soon ceded to the cable outlets for what Fox News Channel billed as "The Showdown."

On MSNBC, Tim Russert unearthed a juicy nugget: White House staffers had started a pool on what word their boss would use

to describe his relationship with Lewinsky, the winner being "inappropriate." By 2 p.m. the only thing we knew for sure was that the Dow was up 86 points.

At 2:50, Fox ran a clip of a finger-wagging Clinton saying: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman." At 3 p.m., Clinton popped up on CNN: "I did not have sexual relations..."

Wall Street was far from upset; the Dow was up 139.

With so much time to fill, there were blasts from the past. Fox ran a report dubbed "All the President's Women," with sound bites from Jennifer Flowers, Dolly Kyle Browning, Elizabeth Ward Gracen, Paula Jones and Kathleen Willey.

CNN aired a clip of Hillary Rodham Clinton, emerging from her grand jury testimony on

Whitewater: "I do not know how the billing records came to be found where they were found."

Anchor continued to probe the president's state of mind. "Is he mad at himself?" asked MSNBC's Ed Gordon.

"That's a good question," said Washington Post reporter David Maraniss.

At 5:02 p.m., NBC's John Palmer appeared in the rain from the White House lawn: "We've learned this — that there have been several breaks." Another CNN flashback, at 5:30: "I did not have sexual relations..." The Dow closed up 149.85.

Fox, at 6:05: "I did not have..." The president finished testifying at 6:25.

Five minutes later, ABC's Sam Donaldson cited sources in reporting that Clinton "did in fact

change his story" and testified to an "inappropriate" relationship with Lewinsky. NBC's Claire Shipman and CNN's Wolf Blitzer followed suit. Fox's David Shuster added that "according to investigative sources," Clinton "did not answer every question posed to him."

At 6:43, Clinton attorney David Kendall emerged outside the South Portico, said the president had testified "truthfully" and hoped this would bring "closure" to the investigation.

Blitzer had already moved on to the forthcoming presidential address: "He will apologize. He will ask the nation for forgiveness." And if the public likes the speech, said ABC's Cokie Roberts, "his approval rating... could climb to 80 or 85 percent."

(The Washington Post)

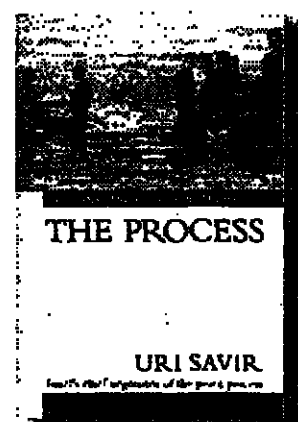
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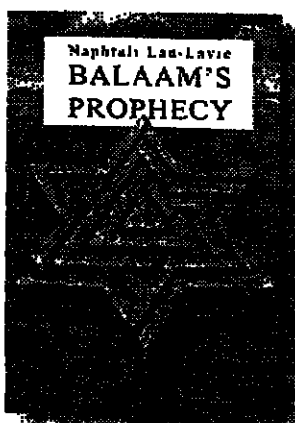
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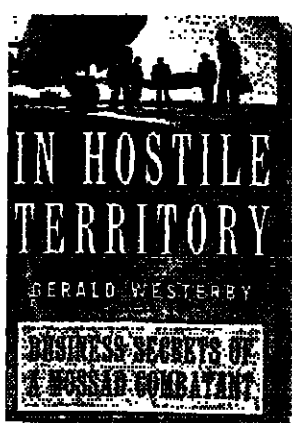


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Michael Monaghan cries as he carries the coffin of his wife Avril during the joint funeral of his wife and 18-month daughter Maura. (Reuters)

Real IRA claims credit for Omagh

By MIKE PEACOCK

BELFAST (Reuters) - A renegade republican splinter group known as the Real IRA said yesterday it carried out the bomb attack which killed 28 people and injured more than 220 in the town of Omagh on Saturday.

The claim, describing the attack as part of a "war against the Brits," came in a telephone call to the Dublin office of a Belfast newspaper as the province began a week of funerals and mourning for the victims of the blast.

A male caller apologized for the deaths, saying the group had given three warnings before the explosion.

"Despite media reports it was not our intention at any time to kill any civilians. It was a commercial target, part of the ongoing war against the Brits. We offer apologies to the civilians," he said.

Meanwhile, hundreds turned out in a village near Armagh to bury the first bombing victims.

Dressed in their best clothes, the three surviving children of Avril Monaghan walked with relatives bearing her coffin and a tiny white casket containing the body of 18-month-old Maura.

Avril Monaghan, 30, who was expecting twins next month, had been on a shopping trip to Omagh with daughter Maura and her mother Mary Grimes, 65. The three family members caught the full force of the blast.

Father Laurence Dawson asked the 300 mourners inside the church and scores more listening outside to pray for "Avril as she takes her little angel Maura with her to heaven."

He asked God to "begin the healing process" in the rural community in and around Omagh where Catholics and Protestants have lived side by side for years in relative harmony.

Britain's Prince Charles was to visit Omagh later yesterday to meet some of the 220 injured survivors and to talk to nurses, doctors, and ambulance staff involved in rescue work.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair insisted in an emotional letter in the province's two leading newspapers yesterday that the bombing would only strengthen his will to bring peace to the province.

"We must not lose our nerve," Blair wrote in the Protestant *Belfast Newsletter* and the Catholic *Irish News*.

Balloonist Fossett thought he would die

By MICHAEL PERRY

TOWNSVILLE, Australia (Reuters) - "I'm going to die," US adventurer Steve Fossett said out loud to himself as his balloon fell 8,840 meters into the South Pacific after it was torn apart in a thunderstorm.

Fossett tried to desperately slow his balloon's rapid descent, before laying on his back in his capsule to await what he thought would be a fatal impact with the ocean below. Miraculously, he suffered only a bruise and few cuts in his fall, which ended his fourth attempt to become the first person to circumnavigate the world non-stop in a balloon.

"Frankly, it's good to be alive," Fossett told reporters in a news conference from aboard the New Zealand naval tanker *Endeavour* yesterday as the ship headed towards the northern Australian port of Townsville.

Fossett said he got caught in a severe thunderstorm near the Solomon Islands early on Monday morning.

The cold air cooled his balloon Solo Spirit, as he desperately fired his burners in an attempt to rise above the storm, but the balloon began to descend at more than 2,500 feet a minute. Fossett was sucked into the fierce thunderstorm in which sheets of hail began tearing his fabric apart.

"I was drawn down... down into a thunderstorm and the bal-

loon ruptured," said Fossett, 54, who had already crashed three times in balloons while attempting to fly around the world.

As I was going through the thunderstorm, the balloon was just being thrown from one side to another, was visibly tearing and [there were] tremendous amounts of hail - the hail would just come in huge sheets and cover me," Fossett said. "And I said out loud, 'I'm going to die.'"

Fossett said that as his balloon began to fall he prepared for the impact below by jettisoning a number of gas tanks in a bid to lighten the balloon and soften the impact.

"Then I laid down on the bench in the capsule for the impact and happily the impact wasn't too bad," Fossett said.

Fossett said his capsule immediately turned upside down and began to sink in the shark-infested waters and his burners started burning the capsule, giving off a choking resin smoke.

He clambered out of the burning capsule and into a small life raft, hoping once the fire burnt out he could be able to climb back inside the burnt-out shell until rescued.

Finally, Fossett drifted away from the balloon and capsule and managed to switch on a satellite distress beacon. A French military aircraft later spotted Fossett and dropped him a life raft with water and food supplies.

UN special envoy tells reporters:

Iraq still refusing to cooperate

BAGHDAD (Reuters) - Baghdad is standing by its decision to suspend cooperation with UN weapons inspectors, UN special envoy in Iraq Prakash Shah said yesterday.

"There is no change in Iraq's decision announced on August 5," Shah told reporters.

His comments echoed similar remarks by Iraq's UN envoy on Monday, referring to an earlier announcement that Baghdad would not cooperate with UN weapons inspection teams until they were restructured to eliminate alleged US influence.

"However, Iraq will continue the dialogue... to carry on cooperation with the United Nations with the aim of ending the sanctions regime and end the oil embargo," Shah said.

Shah, the special envoy of Secretary-

General Kofi Annan, has held two meetings with Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz since he arrived last Thursday. He conveyed a message from Annan urging Iraq to resume cooperation with UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) weapons inspectors.

Shah said he conveyed to Aziz a message from Annan stressing the need for Iraq "to fully comply with its obligations and relevant Security Council resolutions."

He said if Baghdad reconsidered its decision to halt cooperation with UN arms inspectors, the Security Council would be ready to discuss other issues, which observers said might be a reference to UN trade sanctions imposed on Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"I also stressed that reconsideration by Iraq of its decision of August 5 would make

it possible for the council to focus on broader issues involved," he said.

Shah said he would go to New York today and brief the Security Council on his talks with the Iraqis tomorrow.

The Security Council gave the go-ahead late on Monday for full-scale operations by UN weapons inspectors in Iraq, despite the Baghdad government's continuing refusal to cooperate.

Letters the council agreed to send to the heads of UNSCOM and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) stressed that Iraq is obliged to provide the necessary cooperation.

UNSCOM is charged with scrapping Iraq's ballistic missiles, biological and chemical weapons.

It and the IAEA, given the task of moni-

toring Iraq's nuclear program, last week suspended weapons inspections at new sites in Iraq after Baghdad's decision to halt cooperation.

But UNSCOM experts have continued to monitor sites already identified by inspectors looking for evidence of prohibited weapons.

The UN weapons inspectors are waiting for instructions from their headquarters in New York to resume full inspections of Iraqi arms sites, a UN official in Baghdad said yesterday.

Iraq has repeatedly accused UNSCOM of being influenced by the US to prolong weapons inspections. The country must be certified free of all weapons of mass destruction before the UN can lift the economic sanctions.

Burma announces meeting with opposition figure

BANGKOK (AP) - Burma's military regime yesterday announced what it described as "the first in a series of meetings" between a top general and the chairman of the opposition party of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

A news release from the government received in Bangkok, Thailand said Lt.-Gen. Khin Nyunt, a leading figure in the ruling junta, met for 45 minutes yesterday afternoon with Aung Shwe, chairman of Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

The statement said participants described the talks as "open, frank, and cordial."

The announcement, which could not immediately be confirmed, is significant because such a meeting could be a breakthrough in efforts to begin a dialogue between the government and the country's pro-democratic opposition.

The meeting came as Suu Kyi remained encamped in a seventh day of protest on a road outside the capital, protesting a government ban on her traveling to meet her supporters in the countryside.

The league, which is the major opposition party in Burma, has declined previous invitations this year to meet with the government because Suu Kyi had not been invited. The party's position was that the government should not dictate who should represent it.

Khin Nyunt was quoted as saying that "we hope this is the first in a series of confidence building talks between the government and the NLD. We have had a fruitful meeting and we also have appreciated the NLD's acceptance of our offer of a meeting."



US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and acting Ambassador John Lange point at nearby bomb damage to a house, as Albright is given a tour of the bombing site in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. (AP)

Albright pays tribute to bombing victims

By DIANNA CAHN

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (AP) - US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday paid tribute to bombing victims and embassy staffers in East Africa, demonstrating American solidarity and promising to track down the perpetrators.

"Together, we promise to bring to justice the murderers of our friends," she told about 200 American and Tanzanian embassy workers, whom she presented with the State Department's award for heroism.

Officials in Kenya and Tanzania also hoped she would ultimately announce new aid to their countries, where the August 7 terrorist blasts killed 257 people in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

FBI agents, meanwhile, pushed ahead with their investigation into the bombings. In a joint statement with Kenyan police, the bureau said Monday that a suspect who was returned from Pakistan had not admitted any role in the crimes or implicated anyone else after three days.

That appeared to conflict with reports out of

Pakistan which said suspect Mohammed Sadiq Odeh had confessed and named his co-conspirators. The reports also said the man had ties to renegade Saudi multimillionaire Osama bin Laden, who is accused of sponsoring terrorist attacks.

Albright spent about five hours in Tanzania before heading to Nairobi in a small plane, when the Boeing 747 she had flown in from Washington was determined to have mechanical problems.

In Dar es Salaam, she laid a wreath next to the crater left by the blast, then she handed a folded American flag to a line of seven Marines standing at attention. Wearing a white construction helmet, she also toured the damaged inside.

Media also were allowed inside for the first time since the explosion. Broken glass and smashed furniture were scattered throughout the embassy.

"If it had not been constructed the way it was, we would have had a lot of people dead," US Embassy spokesman Dudley Simms said.

Albright helped hang a poster on an outside

wall of the embassy compound, advertising the previously announced reward of up to \$2 million for information leading to the bombers' arrest.

She then lavished praise, and heroes' citations, on embassy staffers at the residence of John Lang, head of the US mission in Tanzania, before meeting with bombing victims at the Muhimbili Medical Center and with government officials.

Albright announced a gift of 225 kilograms of medical supplies to Tanzania and Kenya from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center near Washington, and promised government aid for Tanzania, but was not specific.

Officials in the two African countries are counting on substantial compensation for victims' families along with assurances of aid for the governments, whose key tourism industries were dealt a blow by the bombing.

"A visit alone without any tangible material help and mere condemnation of the terrorists will not do," said the *East African Standard*, a private newspaper close to the Kenyan government, in an editorial yesterday.

Americans leave Pakistan, vow to return

ISLAMABAD (AP) - About 200 Americans left Pakistan yesterday after their government deemed the country unsafe, but US Ambassador Thomas Simons vowed they would be back.

Simons is among the diplomats who remained behind as their families, non-essential staff and their relatives departed under State Department orders following the August 7 bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

"The Americans always come back. We have very important business to conduct in

this country," Simons told reporters after arriving at the airport with the evacuees in a convoy of four buses, the ambassador's car, and a few police motorcycle outriders, their sirens blaring. A plane carrying the evacuees took off hours later.

Though ordinary Americans have been strongly advised to leave as well, few took up their government's offer of a ride on the charter plane booked to fly diplomatic staff and relatives to Brussels.

"People are thinking about leaving, but there is no general rush for the exits," Simons said. "They're going to continue to

watch the situation. But they're calm, as we are calm."

Americans not connected with the embassy were briefed by Simons Monday, hours after learning of the evacuation order.

Many said that despite the seriousness of the warning and the sudden departure of much of the embassy staff, they were inclined to stay for the time being because there had been no specific threat against Americans in Pakistan.

"It is a general pattern of threat that we're responding to," Simons said yesterday.

Similar measures have been taken at US Embassies in Asmara, Eritrea; Tirana, Albania; and Ulan Bator, Mongolia. On Monday, Simons dismissed the possibility the US was planning to use Pakistan as a staging ground for an attack on a terrorist leader holed up in neighboring Afghanistan who has been identified as a possible suspect in the African bombings.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz added his country had not been asked to facilitate any attack on Osama bin Laden, who the US has accused of sponsoring terrorism around the world.

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Bangkok meets Miami Beach

Thai government officials and shrewd businessmen are trying to clean up the Pattaya resort's sex-trade image and attract family vacationers

By DAVID LAMB

PATTAYA, Thailand — Life changed here forever on June 29, 1959, the day four truckloads of soldiers on leave pulled into this sleepy fishing village. They took a look around, saw some beautiful women and stayed for a week. The Americans returned to their base, at Nakhon Ratchasima, and spread the word.

Thus was born one of Southeast Asia's most famous beach resorts — a center for soldiers on rest and recuperation during the Vietnam War and for UN peace-keeping troops during the Cambodian mission of the early 1990s — and, today, for Thais and foreigners in search of, well, most of the same pleasures the soldiers embraced.

This onetime village has mushroomed into a sex-and-sand resort with 400,000 inhabitants — including 3,000 prostitutes — 800 bars and more hotel rooms (30,000) than Singapore. It attracted nearly 2 million visitors between January and June, a 4 percent increase, even as most Asian markets were seeing their tourism industry dry up.

But city fathers are worried. They're trying to take the edge off Pattaya's Wild West reputation, if not its wickedness, and sell the

resort to family vacationers: golf, beaches, good restaurants and great bargains while the local currency, the baht, remains depressed.

"The sex image is something that dates back 20, 30 years," said Sethaphan Buddhan, the local director of tourism. "Of course, sex is still here, but in our marketing I don't emphasize it or deny it. If you're not here for service girls, then how about trying one of our 15 golf courses?"

The high-density "hostess" and "host" bars on the south side of Pattaya have tended to attract a fairly low-end class of tourists as well as a sizable number of active and retired international criminals involved in prostitution, drug trafficking, money laundering and credit-card fraud.

Even Thailand's prime minister described Pattaya last year as a dirty city and promised to clean up the place. To demonstrate his seriousness, Thai officials based in Bangkok — hosting dinner at an open-air restaurant next to Suzie's Massage Parlor — and put 1,000 additional police officers on duty in the city.

But police haven't had much luck explaining the deaths of 45 foreigners under mysterious cir-

cumstances in 1996 and '97. Detectives, for instance, found the body of a 54-year-old Englishman in the harbor last year and ruled his death a suicide. The local paper, the *Pattaya Mail*, pointed out that it would have been difficult for the man to commit suicide: His legs and arms were bound and a rock was attached by rope to his waist.

The *Mail* has been a leader in the campaign to rid Pattaya of its European and Russian gangster influence and to pitch the resort to tourists who do not favor tattoos and shaved heads.

Pattaya's residents want family values and respectability," the *Mail* editorialized. "But the town's poor image doesn't come from nowhere. Though beautiful, Pattaya is not Snow White; she does not have a jealous stepmother trying to poison her."

An American who is building an upscale restaurant here but did not want to be identified by name said that five years ago, "I wouldn't have put one cent in Pattaya. It was a dirty place, the roads were a mess, the average foreigner who lived here was either a guy on a pension or some bum who didn't have two dimes to rub together, and the local government didn't seem to care about the city. But that's all changing."

Indeed, although Pattaya might always have a sex industry, the campaign to recast its image is not without some notable successes.

Roads have been repaired, the trash-littered beach cleaned up. A water-sewerage system is under construction, and the infrastructure is being upgraded with the help of a grant from Japan. Some well-heeled foreign retirees have settled here, attracted not by go-go bars but by reasonable prices, tropical climate, an informal lifestyle and Florida-style amenities.

Close by are 15 golf courses (weekday green fees average \$12; trained caddies are paid \$4), including championship courses. Eight theme parks have opened; water sports abound. Pattaya is Miami Beach without the chic or Art Deco.

"The next market we're going after is the handicapped," tourism director Sethaphan said. "We'll be the only city in the region with access ramps and handicapped facilities in restaurants, bars, everywhere. Japan alone has 12 million handicapped. That's a huge potential market. If they want the beach, relaxation, top restaurants, we'll put together packages. If they want sex tours, we'll arrange special guides."

(Los Angeles Times)



'Free China's political prisoners'

A group of democracy activists chant slogans and hold a banner reading 'Stop persecution of political prisoners, release Lu Yongxiang and Liu Nianchun' during a demonstration outside the New China News Agency in Hong Kong yesterday.

(AP)

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Bad boy of radio joins CBS

By VERNE GAY

The band was called The Losers, and - for hard-core Howard Stern fans anyway - their TV performance that night was a keeper. With Stern himself leading this motley crew that he had assembled, band members - on cue - produced a chorus of flatulence to the strains of the old, fast-paced rock tune "Wipe Out." Not particularly funny. Extraordinarily tasteless.

Yet, someone out there must have appreciated this spectacle on Fox's *The Magic Hour*, because that night's edition in early July with Stern as a guest produced the short-lived show's highest rating, by far.

And therein lies the paradox of Howard Stern. The man has an undeniable ability to attract TV viewers. The man also has an ability to repel them as well. For a medium, television, with an immense, almost unquenchable appetite for the vulgar and tasteless, Stern theoretically presents a true litmus test: How immense? How unquenchable?

America is about to find out. At 11:30 p.m. Saturday, *The Howard Stern Radio Show* bows on an estimated 70 TV stations around the US opposite one of TV's most durable, if frequently pilloried, franchises, NBC's *Saturday Night Live*.

Not much is known about Stern's new one-hour show, with the exception of a few key details. It will rely heavily on material from his daily radio program in New York. There will be skits and animation, too.

And, of course, it will be utterly, irredeemably raunchy, embracing Stern's own overripe obsession for prostitutes, porno stars, breasts,



Observers say that Howard Stern, seen here in the autobiographical movie 'Private Parts,' could threaten CBS's image.

genitalia and those bodily functions most people would prefer not to discuss.

So on the eve of Howard Stern's first regularly scheduled broadcast TV show since 1994, when his program for WWOR-TV in the New York metropolitan area was shelved, many industry observers are now wondering who has more

to worry about - SNL producers or CBS executives?

Indeed, this may be a toss-up. CBS has already received a smattering of criticism from religious organizations around the country, and few CBS affiliates have agreed to carry the program, which will be syndicated by a CBS production division, Eyemark.

Twelve of 14 CBS-owned stations will air it, virtually under orders, many observers believe, from CBS's chief executive himself, Mel Karmazin. The Salt Lake City station was given a special dispensation - most of its audience is composed of Mormons - while the Green Bay, Wisconsin station is expected to

air it eventually.

Observers say that the Stern show, even with limited exposure on CBS, could pose a real threat to the network's image. And some longtime staffers at the network are said to be slack-jawed at the prospect of having the bad boy of radio becoming the bad boy of CBS. (Newsday)

Hollywood's politically correct Moses

By TOM TUGEND

Since Jeffrey Katzenberg started production three years ago on *The Prince of Egypt*, an animated film version of the life of Moses, he has learned something about America's ethnic and religious sensitivities.

Katzenberg, the middle initial in the DreamWorks SKG monogram, decided to canvass the opinions of Jewish, Christian and Moslem religious and academic leaders at each stage of the musical film's progress.

So far, more than 350 clergy and scholars have been consulted, besides in-house experts, and most generally praise Katzenberg's intent and readiness to accept advice.

One of the earliest previewers was Orthodox Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

"We reached an early understanding that the film would be faithful to the biblical narrative, but

in those areas where the text was silent, DreamWorks could be creative," said Hier.

Nothing is known of Moses' adolescence, so, following the guidelines, the film imagines that Moses and the future Ramses II were raised as brothers at Pharaoh's court and competed in chariot races.

"Some liberties were also taken in the portrayal of Miriam, Moses' sister, and potential theological disputes (not to mention 40 years in the desert) were avoided by ending the film with the spectacular parting of the Red Sea.

Greatest concern about the film's characterizations was expressed by Moslem and Arab-American spokesmen, who have long complained, with some justification, that Arabs have become Hollywood's villains of choice.

One reservation, which the studio had to reject, was the Moslem strictures against any physical portrayal of a prophet, including Moses and Abraham.

An early suggestion, which was accepted, was that the slaves building the pyramids be shown in varied skin tones and aures, to indicate that they were of many different races, not just Jews, said Michel Shehadeh of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Abraham Hooper, communications director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said his early fears that the film might "fuel contemporary controversies" by pitting "good" Jews against "cruel" Egyptians had been allayed.

Shehadeh went one step further by perceiving *Prince of Egypt* as a "human-rights film against oppression," a viewpoint, he said, which might actually support present Palestinian grievances.

A minor correction was the renaming of a friendly camel, initially called Habihi, which is Arabic for "My darling." The expression, it was pointed out, is a modern one, unknown in biblical times.

The favorable impression created by Katzenberg's outreach and early clips of the film found its most glowing review in the words of Don Bustany, a veteran Arab-American activist and a Christian. "It's a terrific film, which almost made me want to be Jewish," he said.

Reaction among Jewish previewers appears to be even more enthusiastic. Typical is that of Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, who praised the film as "a labor of love and respect ... entertaining and exciting."

"There is a thin line between soliciting all opinions and pre-censorship, and I think DreamWorks has walked it successfully," said Foxman.

Christians who have met with Katzenberg range from fundamentalist minister Jerry Falwell to the Vatican's Council for Social Communication, and the general reaction appears equally favorable. Theater owners in rural areas

believe the film will do particularly well among conservative Christians.

DreamWorks, otherwise not publicity-shy, declined at this point to discuss its outreach to religious and ethnic leaders for this story.

One major Jewish theologian, a longtime consultant to Katzenberg, also begged off, noting that his contract stipulated that all press comment come from the studio.

The unusual reluctance appears to be mainly a matter of publicity, timing and marketing strategy, and reflects the studio's concern about the film's image and audience appeal prior to its December 18 premiere.

According to knowledgeable sources, the studio wants to avoid - like the plague - having the film tagged as either a kiddie cartoon or a preachy Sunday-school sermon.

To counter the danger, the film's advance trailer and Website promise "the greatest adventure of all time" offering "mystery, majesty and miracles."

Happiness in Haifa

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra's 49th season offers music lovers a combination of tried-and-true staples alongside Israeli music performed by some of the youngest and most exciting musicians in the world today.

Cellist Pieter Wispelwey, one of the hottest names in today's music world, makes his long overdue Israeli debut playing the Dvorak Cello Concerto in Haifa next season. Violinist Chee Yun and cellist Allison Eldredge, two of the finest and most exciting young musicians in the world today, return to Haifa and share the stage in the season's opening concert (in October), performing the Brahms double concerto as well as shorter pieces by Bruch and Saint-Saens.

The exceptionally sensitive and delicate French-born pianist Helene Grimaud makes her HSO debut playing the Ravel Piano Concerto in G.

Music director Stanley Sperber, who has done wonders in Haifa over the past years, leads four of the 11 (one fewer than was usual up to last season) concerts - including the premiere of Aharon Harlap's Clarinet Concerto performed by the HSO's principal clarinetist Orit Orbach. Other maestros on the podium include Sergiu Comissiona and Enrique Batiz, the latter performing the premiere of a new work by HSO composer-in-residence Haim Perlmutter.

Other highlights next season include the captivating Mozart harp and flute concerto, excerpts from *Porgy and Bess*, Richard Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel* and works by Mozart, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Bartok.

All in all, this is a season of very little musical adventure but with a program that will make many music lovers happy.

A musical history lesson from Dante

CLASSIC DISCS

Avid disc collectors have long been searching music stores all over the world for what are known in the business as historical recordings. These are decades-old recordings that have suddenly appeared on the CD market. Many are pirate recordings, taped at public performances and sold at relatively cheap prices on small private labels. The CDs are sold without a booklet and often have bad sound quality.

Yet these are invaluable, intriguing recordings that feature the great musicians of yesteryear in their best performances. As a result, even the more established disc companies have entered the historical recordings business despite the major problem of sound quality.

Recorded with rather primitive equipment, there is an accompanying hiss on the recordings that can be annoying. Of course, there are some historical recordings that are in better condition than others, but on the whole the idea is that you enjoy the great interpreters of the past only at the price of poor sound.

But now the troubles are over. In recent weeks, a new label of historical recordings has been introduced - Dante. Its catalog is immense and growing; the discs are sold at budget price (less than NIS 40) and the sound quality is the best I have encountered in such recordings. Also, Dante discs are sold with first-rate booklets that include period photographs of the performers.

Granted, the Dante musicians are not today's stars, but they were hot tickets in their day, and now one can enjoy their artistic legacy, their integrity and power of interpretation on disc.

two weekends, so everyone has to make a choice.

Some would go for music they know, others would opt for the famous artists and yet others might look for names they are not familiar with or those they only remotely heard of. Yet whatever you choose, you end up with a winner with a Dante disc. The repertoire and artists' roster is gigantic and literally each and every disc promises earthly and, one might be tempted to say, heavenly delights.

The greatest pleasure, as far as I am concerned, is the opportunity to hear some of the famous, yet poorly recorded, musicians of the past. The list is never-ending.

Flutist Marcel Moyse (1889-1984) reveals a haunting, hypnotic sound when playing French impressionistic music (*Marcel Moyse: Debussy, Ibert, Vol. 2* LYS 352). Here is a musician whose artistry is supreme, whose musicianship is captivating and whose sincerity is faultless. I would eagerly listen to anything he had recorded.

Then there is the incomparable Benno Moiseiwitsch (1890-1963) whose Liszt disc (*Benno Moiseiwitsch joue Franz Liszt*, HPC 017) is one of the greatest piano discs to have reached the market in recent years. It is passionate, romantic piano playing at its very best, revealing a great pianist in his prime. But he is not the only pianist on the Dante roster.

The intriguing and mesmerizing Alfred Cortot (1877-1958) breathes supreme intensity and evocative emotions into sonatas by Franck and Debussy (*Alfred Cortot: Franck, Debussy*, HPC 013).

Musicians who are very well represented in the major catalog these days are revealed on Dante discs as they were in earlier days.

Everyone who thinks he has savored enough of violinist David Oistrakh (1908-1974) should listen to his mid-40s recordings (*Le jeune David Oistrakh, Volume 2 - four discs - LYS 353-356*) in which he plays the concert by Brahms,



Marcel Moyse

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Emil Gilels (1916-1985) is revealed with his poetic charm and young, innocent beauty as a pianist in the '30s for whom musicianship and emotions go hand in hand (*Le jeune Emil Gilels, Volume 1*, HPC 098).

And then there is the one and only Dinu Lipatti (1917-1950), a pianist and composer who performs his own compositions and music by George Enescu with beauty and finesse (*Enescu et Lipatti*, HPC 091-92).

Composer Dmitri Shostakovich

(1906-1975) is revealed as a great pianist in his second piano trio and other works recorded in the '40s. (*Dmitri Shostakovich par lui-même*, LYS 369-370).

Violinist composer Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962) emerges with all his magical charm and intensity as he plays both his own music and the Beethoven violin sonatas (*Fritz Kreisler: Beethoven*, LYS 033-35).

The vocal category of Dante is impressive as well, with singers like Hugues Cuénod, Hans Hotter, Marko Rothmüller, Lotte Lehmann and many others. Dante also offers full opera recordings from the first half of the century, for example, *Yevgeni Onegin*, *Faust*, *Der Rosenkavalier* - each revealing more than a few intriguing and rewarding moments.

Dante is one of the most welcome additions to the global disc market, and the fact that these discs, sold for full price in Europe, are available here at budget price is even a greater bonus. After all, who can afford to miss, with such prices and quality, the legendary performances of conductors such as Felix Weingartner, Willem Mengelberg, Fritz Reiner, Arturo Toscanini, Bruno Walter and Wilhelm Furtwängler to name just a few; not to mention pianists like Annie Fischer, Arthur Schnabel, Wilhelm Kempff, Claudio Arrau and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

NEWS

of the muse

By HELEN KAYE

Channel 2 nominates documentaries

The Second Television and Radio Authority (STRA) has entered six Channel 2 documentaries in the documentary division of the 1998 Israeli "Academy Awards."

Three of the six, *Being Here*, *Being There*, *Coming Home* and *Tuba and Migdal* have been screened.

Part of the funding for such documentaries came from the close to NIS 1.2 billion that STRA has invested in original programming since Channel 2 was inaugurated in November 1993. This translates into 8,728 broadcast hours or some 33% of total programming, a figure which has grown to 39% in 1998.

Israel Festival head runs for city council

Yossi Talgan, general manager of the Israel Festival, is running for Jerusalem City Council this November on the Jerusalemites Who Care list, "but unless I'm offered a salaried position in the city administration, I have no intention of quitting my festival post," he says.

He wants to increase the scope and spread of culture in Jerusalem, and open up cultural events to new audiences - as he has done at the festival.

Since he took over the festival five years ago, there has been no deficit.

Biblical epic goes to Hamburg...

On September 1, director Rina Yerushalmi and her Itim Ensemble will present the world premiere of *Vayishlach*, *Vayar*, the second part of Yerushalmi's epic Bible Project at the Summertheater Festival in Hamburg.

On September 5, Itim will perform the entire epic, *Vayomer*, *Vayelech*, and *Vayishlach*, which takes eight hours, including intermissions.

From Hamburg, Itim moves to Düsseldorf, where both parts will be performed on September 10 and 12, respectively. The performances will be in Hebrew with simultaneous translation into German.

Vayomer, which premiered at the 1996 Vienna Festival, has enjoyed worldwide success and is currently playing to sold-out houses at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. *Vayishlach* was scheduled to premiere at this year's Israel Festival, but was not ready in time.

There will be preview performances at the Ramat Gan Theater from October 20 to 23 with the Israeli premiere of *Vayishlach* scheduled for the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center in November.

Vayomer is a journey which moves from Genesis to the Promised Land. *Vayishlach* concerns itself with Israel's kings and prophets, from Saul to the Babylonian exile.

...and so does Batsheva Dance Co.

The Batsheva Dance Company opens the Summertheater Festival today with the European premiere of Ohad Naharin's 1997 work *Sabotage Baby*.

The troupe then travels to the Göteborg (Gothenburg) Festival in Sweden with the same work.

In September, the company takes *Anaphase* to Austria, followed by three performances at the Lyons Dance Biennale from September 15-17.

The Summertheater Festival is devoting part of its program to Israel's jubilee.

MoMA screens 'Song of the Galilee'

The New Film and Television Foundation has announced that Daniel Waxman's prize-winning documentary *Song of the Galilee* will represent Israel at the Flaherty Film Seminar entitled "Investigating the Real," underway at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

The same seminar will be repeated at Kfar Blum in November. Waxman's film investigates a cover-up following a mysterious death. He had to go underground to finish it, as his life was threatened.

Indian musicians due in November

Zakir Hussain and Shiv Kumar Sharma, two giants of the Indian classical and world-music genre, will play two concerts here at the end of November.

One of the world's great tabla virtuosos, Hussain last appeared locally playing with flutist Hari-Prasad Chaurasia at the 1996 Israel Festival. This is his third visit.

Prior to Sharma, the santoor, or "lute with a hundred strings" as it was called, was not considered worthy of playing Indian classical music. Sharma, said to be the greatest santoor player in the world, has modified the instrument to increase its range and expressiveness.

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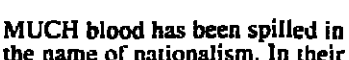
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The sex talk girls badly need

Mothers who imply that only boys feel the power surges of puberty are doing nothing to help their teenaged daughters handle those intoxicating feelings of desire that can be so devastating, Susan Reimer writes

Pipher, who, despite her success as an author and lecturer still counsels young girls as a therapist in her hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska, says the first step is to help these girls understand that in this sexually chaotic culture the only limits are the ones she chooses for herself, and the only ground rules are the ones she negotiates with her partner.

"That means you have to know what you want," Pipher says. "And you have to be able to explain your expectations to someone else."

"Kids can't imagine a conversation like that," says Baltimore's Debbie Roffman, who is in the trenches with kids every day as a human sexuality educator for several private schools.

She agrees with Pipher's ideas, but says it is asking a lot to tell kids to negotiate sexual ground rules when they have never seen it done in the pop culture that absorbs them. And when they don't know what words to use.

"We have to stop using 'sex' as shorthand for 'intercourse' and come up with a better definition," Roffman says. "Even phrases like 'making out' and 'fooling around' imply these experiences aren't real. They are meaningless, and we aren't accountable for them."

"And 'How far did you get?' 'How far did you go?' These are horrible metaphors. This isn't about how far you got. It is about how close you want to be."

Roffman presses the young people she teaches to define these sloppy terms, and through that process she helps them construct a continuum of intimacy from hand-holding to intercourse.

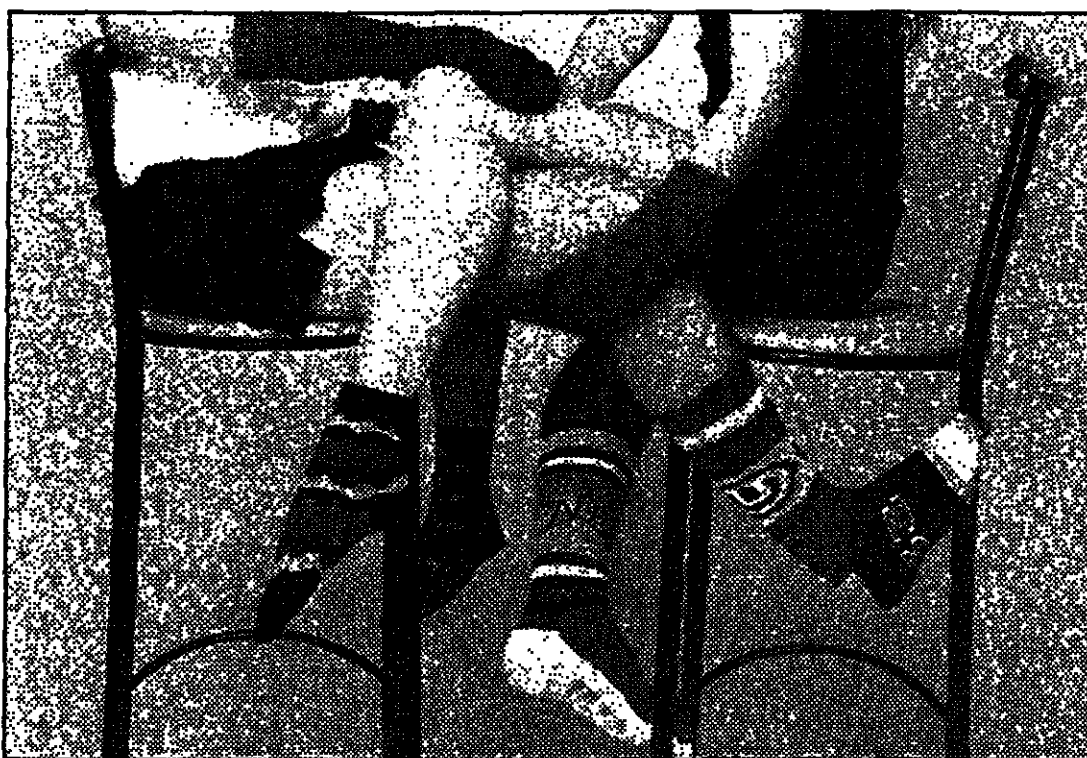
"Once you have defined sex as a range of behaviors, the question is not whether a girl should have intercourse, but what is appropriate at what ages and what stages of development, and under what circumstances."

"Then," she says, exhaling in emphasis, "you can have a conversation about sex."

Getting there will be very hard for us. The mechanics of sexual intercourse are easy to explain. "Don't do it!" is easy to say.

Much more exorcising will be finding words for those feelings of urgency that won't send our daughters - and sons - squealing from the room in disgust.

"If we only tell them how, we have done only half of our job, and left unspoken the best part: the language of desire, the language of intimacy. (The Baltimore Sun)



First step toward intimacy: Girls need to learn that feelings of desire are normal and healthy, and how to deal with them. (Yonatan Slinger)

If Noah had used a computer



By Judy Siegel Itzkovich

The Animal Kingdom, a collection of 10 CD-ROMs, in English, by the World Book Company and the Zane Publishing Company, for Windows 3.1, Windows 95 and Macintosh, for all ages, distributed by World Book-Childcraft Ltd., POB 4364, 91043 Jerusalem, Tel (02) 678-5605. NIS 579 for the whole set.

Rating: ★★★★★

If Noah had had a computer on the ark, he could have used this encyclopedic software collection to keep track of all his passengers. With thousands of species, from the lowly one-celled amoeba to mammals like whales and zebras, this multimedia collection artfully explains the animal kingdom to young children, teenagers and adults alike.

None of the disks has to be installed; it's truly plug in and play.

The program is operated with the World Book's "Power CD" system. Starting with disk 1 (sponges, anemones, corals and flatworms) through disk 10 (canids through sheep), each CD-ROM includes a multimedia presentation that summarizes the entire collection as well as highlighting the disk currently in your drive. In between the sponges and the higher mammals are non-insect arthropods, insects, amphibians, reptiles and birds.

You can see the three-toed sloth, the Spanish shawl (a sea creature), the bumphead nasso (a fish with a Jimmy Durante-like nose), the mudkipper, the dingo, the sea pen (a sea animal that looks like rust-

the section of text that answers the question. The test sections, however, do not grade your answers.

There was no geographical breakdown of the native regions of each species, although their origins are mentioned in some of the text entries. I didn't see any specifically Israeli entries, such as the Cana'ani dog.

This outstanding collection would have been even better had it included animal sounds and bits of video film, but this would probably have taken up space unavailable on the chock-full disks.

The price, NIS 579, might seem steep, but not when you consider the large number of disks, the high quality of the material and the fact that some single multimedia computer disks cost NIS 200 and up. The Animal Kingdom is an excellent reference tool for all, and a special gift for people who, like Noah, love animals.

Gordisk 1, a package of three CD-ROMs in Hebrew - Balnei Otot, EE Hamisparim and Mis'hahei Hashiva - produced by Compedia, for children aged three to six, NIS 129.

Rating: ★★★★★

In the world of multimedia software, each year brings a harvest of more sophisticated products that use more memory and offer more eye-catching, breathtaking graphics. But not in this package, meant for pre-schoolers.

Gordisk seems to have been held over from a previous software generation (about three years ago), when animation was primitive and children were excited just by the idea of interacting with images on the screen. Some of the games even require users to press arrow or letter keys instead of clicking on the mouse.

Compedia, it seems, took material from old, previously released disks, added some new material and suited the programs to Windows 95, in addition to Windows 3.1. The quality is way behind that of current edutainment for young children.

One suspects that the package includes three separate disks to make parents feel that they're getting a lot of product for a small price. But although some children may enjoy it, the product offers little challenge to six-year-olds.

The first disk, Balnei Otot, teaches the Hebrew letters in script and print. A variety of pedestrian games then test what the child has learned. The voice of actress Hani Nahmias sounds a letter; and, if you press the right key, a fuzzy picture becomes clearer. A balloon marked with a Hebrew letter passes over four baskets; if you key in the match quickly, the letter falls into the closest basket. In other games, you have to choose what letter a word begins with, or match the printed version with the script.

The arithmetic disk has a home screen showing three children; a click offers a choice of three games. In one game the user is presented with two groups of objects and asked to click on the group with the higher number; another game shows a sequence of five numbers, with one missing, and the user has to key in the absent figure. Kids can also save numbers trapped in a burning building. Click on the keyboard arrows to get the fireman to the right floor.

One odd feature is a story told to Gordi, the green elf hero of the Compedia series, by his equally green grandfather. Grandpa tells how he managed to survive a shipwreck, and explains mathematical principles such as "more" or "less" along the way.

The Mis'hahei Hashiva (thinking games) disk functions at up to six levels of difficulty and, according to Compedia, is suited for children aged three to seven. Users must find their way through a maze (again using the arrow keys instead of the mouse); add missing parts of 16 different pictures; and select missing parts to match geometric figures or pictures of objects. None of these games is likely to increase your child's IQ.

One Saturday morning on the sidelines of a soccer game, where mothers keep one eye on the action while sharing their triumphs and confessing their failures to other mothers, a friend told me of the time she retrieved her startled teenaged daughter from a parent-less house where they had been harmlessly hanging out with a couple of platonic male friends.

In the car on the way home, she tried to explain her caution to her outraged girls: "Look, you don't understand what it is like for boys. They will do anything, say anything to get you into bed..."

She was stunned into silence by her daughters' explicit response, which was that they shared the urgent sexual needs commonly attributed to boys.

It came as a revelation to this mother, but it should be a warning to us all: Our daughters feel the power surges of puberty just as our sons do.

Have we forgotten this, too?

Have we no memory of the pelvic buzz we felt when we looked eyes with the cutest boy in school? Don't we remember when we ached to be touched, to be kissed? Or when we were just plain curious to know what everyone was talking about?

Fear, I think, has caused us to deny that these feelings exist in our daughters. Sex is less about good girls vs. bad girls these days, and more about safety: from pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and date rape. We can protect our daughters better if we persuade them not to have sex at all.

As a result, the sex education of our daughters is woefully incomplete. We tell them how to have sex, but we don't tell them what would make them want to have sex. And we frame the entire discussion in the language of resistance: How to say 'no' to a boy.

No wonder that when sex stops being icky and becomes something a girl wants, she is confused and ashamed.

And a girl who is never given the opportunity to talk about those desires - to learn that they are normal and healthy, to learn what to do with them - may never take the next, most important step. She may not arm herself against pregnancy and disease, because protection requires preparation, and that means she was looking to have sex.

The intoxicating feelings of desire - so few, so unpredictable, so frightening - are dangerous in young girls only if we do not help them to understand them and, in-

far as they can, get a grip on them.

If a girl does not know how to say to a boy, "Yeah, I want sex. I want it as bad as you do. I just don't want it right now, and I may never want it with you," she is handicapped, and it is our fault.

THE sexual revolution has failed if we still believe that sex for girls is only about being in love.

That's our old baggage. Sex surveys show that girls are having sex younger and with many more partners before marriage than we did. Surveys also show they believe that women are equally responsible for initiating sex, not only in established relationships but in new ones.

Girls today are more like the boys we demonize than they are like their mothers. Today it is the rare young girl who will first explore her sexuality in the semi-

adult world of college. The average age of the first sexual experience is 16 and dropping.

And it is often true that a girl is having sex not because her boyfriend wants her to, but because her girlfriends pressure her. You are nothing if you haven't told her, even though most of them are boasting and posturing and lying about their own experiences.

If it is difficult to resist the persuasions of a boy she fears will dump her if she does not come across, how impossible must it be to stand up to a clique of girlfriends who will shun her in a cold-hearted minute?

How do we help her sort it all out?

"One of the problems for girls in the '90s is that sex is everywhere," says author Mary Pipher, explaining the pressures young girls endure in

her best-seller *Reviving Ophelia*.

"They are constantly bombarded with sexual images. And they are constantly being told, 'Sex is great, it's sophisticated, it's fun. Go do it.'"

Because of how sex is portrayed in movies, television and advertising, young girls can easily conclude that couples go directly from a deep kiss to the nearest bed.

"Everything they see jumps to intercourse," says Pipher. "Kids don't have any sense that in this culture there are breaks and limits between kissing and having intercourse."

Sex is so stressful for girls in the '90s that it is often accompanied by furious chemical use. Only when they are anesthetized by alcohol or drugs can they face the terrifying combination of desire, fear of AIDS or pregnancy, and their need for love and affection.

Stepping in between siblings



By Ruth Mason

"Hey! That's my model. Give it back!"

"No, it's not, we traded!"

"We did not!"

Hands start flying along with the words, and within seconds your boys are embroiled in a fight.

"Get out of my room!"

"No - I just want to see something."

Your older daughter picks up her little sister and tries to shove her out of her room while the younger one holds onto the doorknob, screaming. A push-pull battle ensues.

What do you do? Some experts advise parents to stay out of kids' fights completely. But some find

they can't take the noise, while others feel a need to protect younger, weaker siblings from older, stronger ones.

Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, authors of *Siblings Without Rivalry*, believe parents can use sibling fights to teach their children how to get along. All their books acknowledge their debt to the late child psychologist Dr. Haim Ginott, author of *Between Parent and Child* and other books.

In their workshops Faber and Mazlish direct two parents to role-play a fight as if they were children. Other parents in the group take turns reacting as they would at home.

Here are some of their reactions: Telling the kids to stop; taking away the toy they're fighting over and sending them to their rooms; trying to persuade them to play nicely together, taking one or another child's side based on which one they think is right; trying to find out who started the fight.

When Faber and Mazlish ask the "children" to comment on these reactions, participants soon begin to see how unhelpful they really are.

The children feel unfairly blamed, and don't get a chance to express

their feelings. Mutual hostility increases, along with satisfaction at getting someone else into trouble.

FABER and Mazlish believe parents should try not to interfere, but say that when they must, they should urge the children to work out their differences themselves. Good preparation for life, they call it.

"Children should have the freedom to resolve their own differences," Faber and Mazlish write. "They are also entitled to adult intervention when necessary."

Minor bickering, they say, should be ignored. But when you feel things have gotten out of hand, think of these five steps when intervening in a fight:

- Acknowledge the children's anger by saying something like: "Boy, you two sure sound mad at each other."

- Listen to each child's side with respect. Rephrase what they say to make sure you understand and let them know you hear them, as in: "So, you want to kick the ball home (wait for a response) and you want to bounce it home."

- Demonstrate that you appreciate the difficulty of the problem:

"That's a tough one - two kids wanting to play with the same ball at the same time."

- Express faith in their ability to work out a solution: "I'm sure that if you put your heads together you'll come up with a solution that feels fair to both of you."

- Leave the scene.

In the real-life situation described above, involving a five-year-old girl and her three-year-old brother, the children both stopped and thought. After a minute the girl said, "I know! We can play go-in-front-go-in-front," and on the spot made up a game that both children played all the way home from the park.

When this kind of approach is used children tend to feel respected instead of feeling put down or having their hostile feelings toward their siblings fired up.

These suggestions are not carved in stone. If your kids are new at the "game" and you feel they need some help, you could casually throw out a simple suggestion or two before you leave. (But leaving is important, since children often act up in front of adults for their own motives.)

If, however, you see your children are about to hurt each other, a different kind of intervention is necessary.

- Describe what you see, forcefully and loudly: "I see one boy about to throw a block and another about to hit with a baseball bat. And both of them are furious!"

- Set limits: "This is a dangerous situation. We need a cooling-off period."

- Separate them: "Quick! You to your room, and you to yours."

If the problem is a complex one and the children have not been able to solve it themselves, you might need to call a family meeting to come up with options.

In that case, explain the purpose of the meeting and the ground rules (for example, each child gets to express his or her feelings without interruption). Write down each child's feelings and concerns and read them aloud, then allow time for rebuttal. Ask everyone to come up with solutions. Write them all down without judging, then pick one or more solutions everyone can live with. Arrange a time for a follow-up meeting.

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Corner



By Batsheva Mink

So you've laid the foundations of your garden, as described last week. After you've carefully prepared the soil and drainage, the next step is choosing the plants. But before running off to the garden center, checkbook in hand, stop a minute.

Visit friends' gardens and note which plants attract you. Find a nursery run by someone who really knows plants and who can offer personal advice on what to grow.

And beware of buying the first thing that catches your eye – this is almost always a recipe for disaster. We are usually drawn to whatever is in flower, and – if we give in to temptation – can condemn our gardens to only three months of color a year.

Keep in mind that there are four seasons to consider. Color is easy to achieve in spring and early summer. But what about the winter months and late autumn when the summer plants are exhausted?

Foliage in its varying shades offers year-round color: conifers are tinged with blue, gray or gold; prunus boast shades of burgundy, and plants with variegated leaves often have hues of gold or cream. Foliage plants are also important for their varying size, shape, texture and form that give your garden a permanent pattern.

Flowers are actually the icing on the foliage cake – adding a bit of temporary color. And when it comes to flowers, it is worth remembering that a garden is not a room where all four walls are decorated similarly.

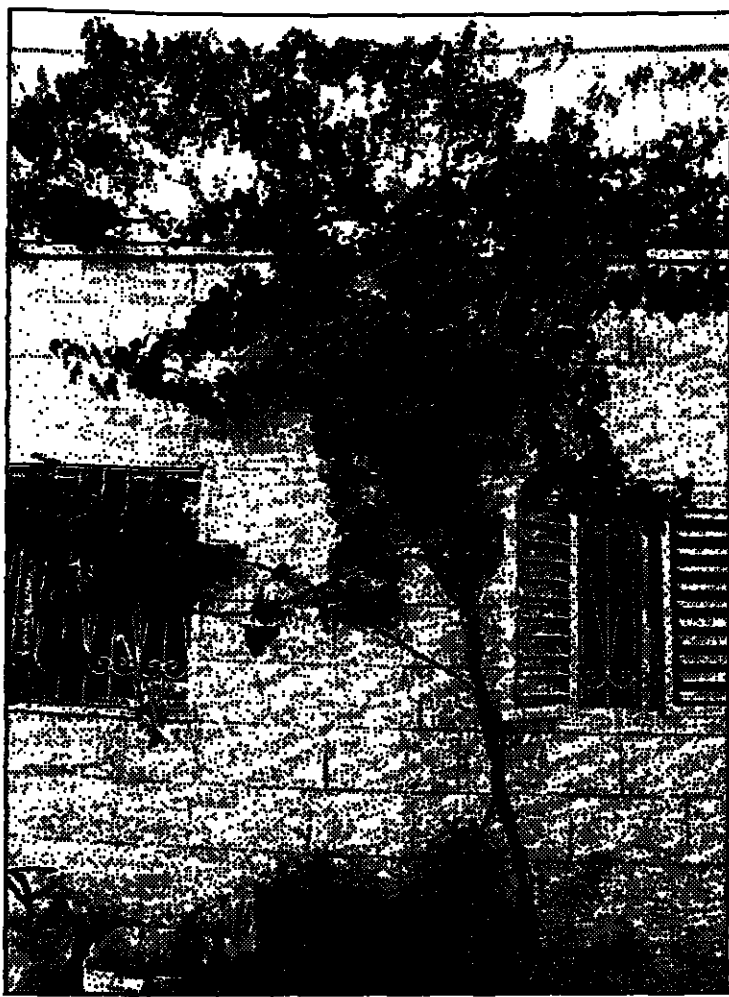
Choosing flower colors is especially important in a small garden. Too many different colors bunched together look like a fruit salad and none stand out. This does not mean you cannot plant reds, yellows, mauves, whites and blues in the same bed. You can, provided you place a few of the colors in large blocks so that they complement each other instead of clashing.

Strong colors, like red, draw the eye and are best planted closest to the house. If they are planted farther away or along the border they make the garden look smaller.

Pale, quieter colors like white, cream and soft yellow have the opposite effect and should be planted at the far end of the garden.

Bright colors look best in sunshine, while pale colors come into their own in the soft light of early morning, in the evening and in the shade.

The fun part: Getting your plants



Climbers on the garage or along the front of the house can camouflage a building's hard lines.



(Above) The first step in fashioning a garden is to frame it with a firm boundary that will both introduce privacy and make the space seem larger; (below) An intimate corner can be set off by plants in large pots.

(Photos: Sarit Uziel)

Gray should be used often as a harmonious transition between the brighter colors in your garden. White also prevents clashing but tends to be too harsh.

Gray foliage in tones of silver, pearl, pewter or blue-gray lightens the garden on dull days and shines on moonlit nights.

Entrance gardens are very important – offering the visitor his first impression of your home. It is natural that you should want to make this small plot as attractive and inviting as possible.

Planting a circular flower bed can relieve the angularity of a square or rectangular plot. Arranging a border of neat shrubs and flowers along both sides of the path leading to the house or right along the front is also a good idea. Climbers on the garage or along the front of the house can camouflage a building's hard lines.

A small tree in a large pot set on either side of the front door is a neat introduction that requires little maintenance – only regular watering and occasional feeding.

In a small garden, you may only have room for one tree. It can be

an ornamental tree grown for its blossoms, its attractive leaves or its shape.

The first step in fashioning a small garden is to frame it with a firm boundary that will both introduce privacy and make the space seem larger.

Although there is a certain satisfaction in laying paths, making lawns and preparing the borders, there is no doubt that the real fun in gardening is the planting. The type of planting you decide on is very much a matter of personal taste. For most first-time gardeners the cottage-garden method is probably the easiest and the best.

A cottage garden is a mixed planting of trees, shrubs, perennial plants, annuals, bulbs, roses, herbs, fruit and a few vegetables, grown together or separately.

The typical home garden is made up of a herbaceous border which is planted exclusively with perennial plants that can be divided after a year or two. Nowadays, shrubs are also included in borders along with perennials and annuals. If there is not enough room for a separate rose bed,

roses too can be planted into the herbaceous border.

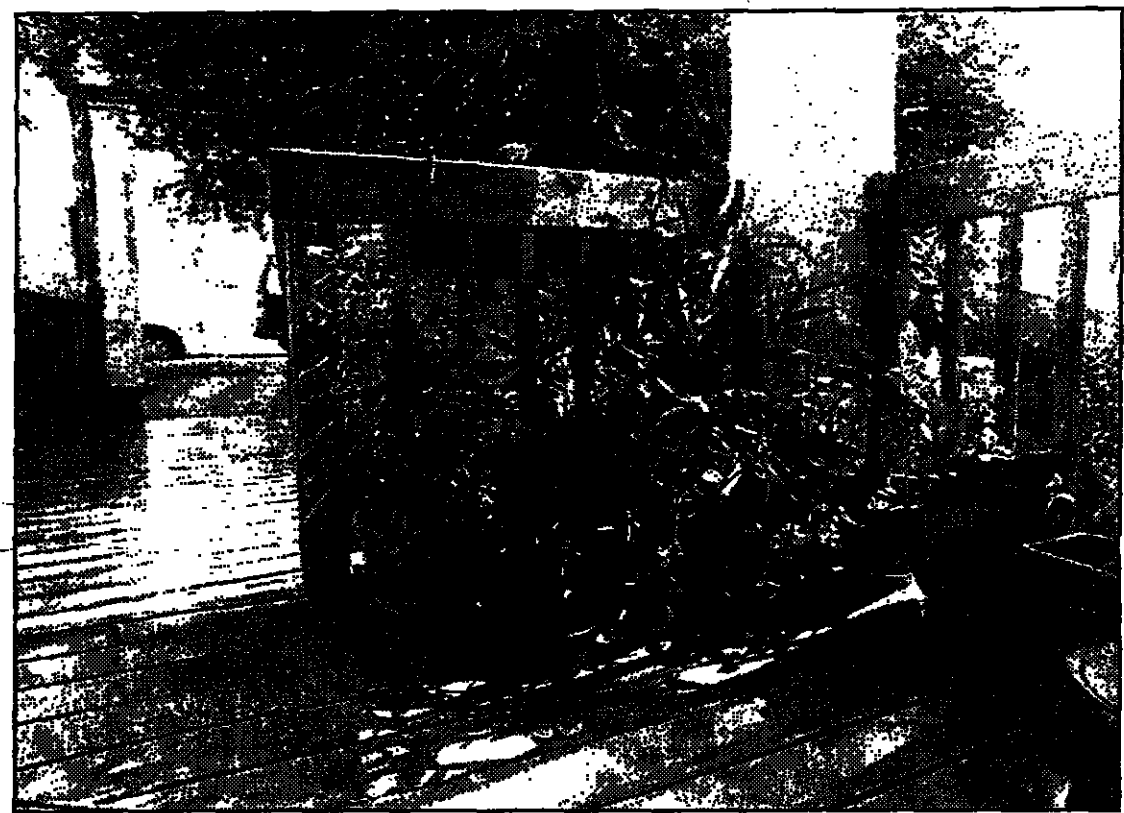
Planting many different plants together has the advantage of preventing large-scale attacks from pests. Even if one of your plants is attacked, it is more than likely that the neighboring plants will not be.

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Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039

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Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Recently a young professional couple from Tel Aviv contacted *The Jerusalem Post* asking me to help them find a home for a one-year-old pedigree Afghan bitch they had acquired when she was only eight weeks old.

Although the dog is more or less toilet trained, she is so destructive that the couple are in despair.

I always find it strange when I hear that intelligent, usually thinking people have taken in a pet without any real reflection. They will examine 10 different toaster ovens before deciding which best suits their needs – yet they will buy a puppy without any enquiries at all. And a pedigree Afghan bitch puppy costs quite a bit more than a toaster oven!

The couple admitted choosing an Afghan because they had viewed one at a dog show and thought it was the most beautiful dog they had ever seen. They had asked no questions about the Afghan's temperament or needs, nothing.

NOW the dog is a year old. They manage to walk her twice a day. But Afghans are runners and love to stretch their muscles. The puppy's pent-up energy is enough to cause her to wreck the house.

The dog is alone all day and even some evenings. She is bored and restless – another reason to wreak havoc on the family's possessions.

This busy, career-oriented couple also had no idea of how much grooming their Afghan would need to maintain the beauty that had attracted them in the first place. They do brush her, but not nearly as much as she needs.

Given their lifestyle and lack of free time, it's doubtful whether this young couple should have a dog at all, at least at this stage of

Get a dog in haste, repent at leisure



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their lives. They'd be far better off with a couple of kittens, or an aquarium. They certainly do not need an active, energetic Afghan pup.

Bad decisions like this are far too common to be ignored. They cause a lot of pain and suffering to animals and humans, when it

could easily be avoided.

If you are considering a dog, find out about the different breeds before making your choice. Ask how much exercise and grooming a dog needs, and how it reacts to being left alone. Most of all, ask yourself how the dog will fit into your life.

The business of getting a dog deserves at least as much thought as one would give to acquiring any major household item, not least because there is a living creature involved.

Having a dog is a great pleasure. But that doesn't mean everybody should have one.

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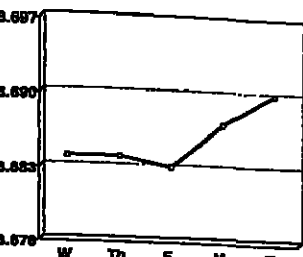
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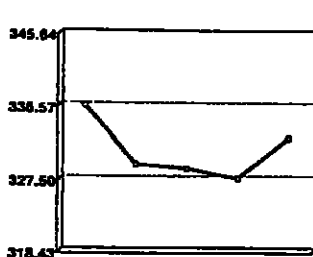
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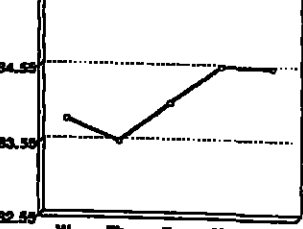


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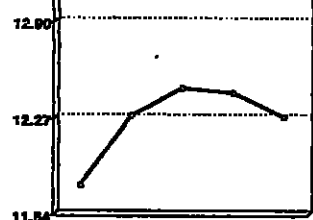
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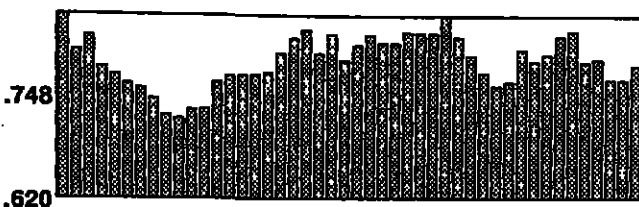


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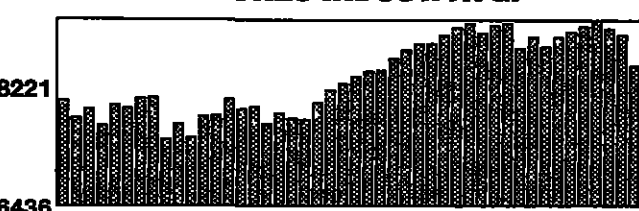
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Regulator cuts electricity prices

The Public Utilities Authority-Electricity yesterday decided to cut the cost of electricity by 2.53 percent, effective Sunday. Household consumers will pay 27.69 agorot for a kilowatt hour, compared to the present 28.32 agorot. Since October, electricity prices have been reduced by some 6%.

David Harris

July tourism down 5.2%

The number of tourists arriving by air in July fell 5.2% to 128,000, compared to the same month last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. Since the turn of the year, some 864,000 have arrived, in comparison to the 934,000 in the equivalent period in 1997. In the first seven months of 1998, the figure reached 959,000, despite the suicide bombings early in the spring.

David Harris

PM's aide: Tax reform won't harm the poor

By DAVID HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman have agreed that if the poor "will lose even one shekel as a result of the tax reform, they will simply be no tax reform," a top Netanyahu aide said this week.

Fears have been expressed by MKs from all parties that the planned reform will include the abolition of tax breaks currently available for those in low income brackets.

"There is no disagreement between the two," said the confidante, dismissing media reports that Netanyahu is dissatisfied with Neeman's failure thus far to have presented his plans for tax reform.

Neeman was, until his holiday this week, said by his own staff to be working night and day to ensure at least part of the plan is implemented according to schedule on January 1. The Treasury spokesman's office said the intention is to introduce the plans to the cabinet immediately after ministers vote on the exact composition of the state budget, either in the last week of August or

in early September. The main basics of the tax reform, according to Neeman's advisers on the subject, include:

- Removing existing exemptions to the overall value of NIS 5 - NIS 8 billion.
- Reducing the top tax bracket payment from 50 percent to some 35 - 40%.
- Implementing tax changes in the capital markets. Details of this element remain secret. Neeman has said the reform will include some of the recommendations of the shelved 1996 Brodet Committee. The main aim of the Brodet proposals was to encourage long-term savings, including taxing interest on short- and medium-term savings.

Only half the measures proposed by Neeman will become operative in January, according to an official in Netanyahu's office. Neeman originally promised to submit his recommendations to Netanyahu no later than December 31 last year but has asked for several extensions.

Netanyahu will only accept the program if it takes the top income tax bracket below 40%, said the official.

Blue Sq. net up 14%

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Blue Square yesterday reported that second-quarter net income rose 14 percent to NIS 32.7 million from NIS 28.7m. during the same period last year.

Revenues for the second quarter rose 9.9% to NIS 1.4 billion from NIS 1.28b. a year earlier. The announcement indicates that profits of the country's largest retail stores continue to rise despite the economic slowdown. The report came only a week after Super-Sol, the country's second largest supermarket chain, said that second-quarter net profit rose by 4.9% to NIS 28.5m.

Blue Square said that net income for the first half of 1998 increased 10% to NIS 57.4m. from NIS 52.2m. a year earlier. Revenues for the first six months rose 13.2% to NIS 2.7b. from NIS 2.4m.

Further evidence of the limited impact of the economic slowdown came as the company reported that supermarket sales represented 77% of total revenues, increasing 12% compared to the second quarter of 1997.

The company said, however, that results of its Hamashbir subsidiary during the last two years reflect the slowdown of the economy, which has affected the department and specialty sector more than the supermarket sector. Hamashbir's second quarter revenues rose 8.4% to NIS 314m. from NIS 289 a year earlier. Revenues for the first six months rose 15.6% to NIS 589m. from NIS 510m.

Blue Square operates 149 supermarkets and 41 department and specialty stores. Earlier this year, the company said that it intends to sell its holdings in Hamashbir and other non-supermarket business.

Following ruble devaluation

Russian bank sector faces consolidation

By JULIE TOLKACHEVA

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's sharp switch in economic policy, including a de facto devaluation, has put the banking system on the verge of collapse and only a handful of the biggest institutions will stay afloat, analysts said yesterday.

The government said on Monday it was giving up its policy of a smooth ruble depreciation against the dollar by widening significantly the band where it allows the ruble to be traded.

Analysts said the move was a major hit for the bank system, forcing banks to default on foreign exchange spot and forward contracts, pushing the price of foreign credit servicing sharply up, and increasing individuals' demand for dollars.

"We shall witness massive bankruptcies and the central bank will allow it," said Andrei Ivanov, bank analyst at finance house Troika Dialog.

"The biggest banks will stay, but maybe one or two out of the biggest will be restructured or nationalized," he said, adding that smaller banks would either go or merge with bigger ones.

International rating agency Standard & Poor's expressed these worries on Monday, when it downgraded its long-term counterparty credit ratings on six Russian banks.

"The announcement of the widening of the ruble/dollar corridor should lead to a rapid depreciation in the value of the ruble," Standard & Poor's said. "This will have a disastrous effect on the rated banks, most of whom have sizable levels of foreign currency liabilities."

Among the gloom of the ruble problems, there came some relief for banks in the form of a 90-day foreign debt moratorium on some foreign credits.

"What the government has done is... let the ruble change more quickly than was good for the



Russians change money at an exchange booth in downtown Moscow yesterday. Monday's de-facto devaluation and debt moratorium are expected to deal a severe blow to the Russian banking system. (AP)

banking system, but it has taken other measures to prevent the system from collapsing," said Richard Hainsworth, analyst at Thomson BankWatch.

But he said the moratorium undermined Russian bank credit-

worthiness, which would take years to re-establish.

"That is the major drawback of this particular set of policies," he said.

The six banks whose counterparty ratings were cut by S&P

the humiliating "Not Meaningful" were Alfa Bank, Inkombank, SBS-Agro, Vozrozhdeniye, Aljba-Aliance, and Rossiiskiy Kredit.

The government steps came after banks were cut off from liquidity sources as the interbank for-

eign currency and credit markets and government paper markets ground to a halt and the central bank stopped banks buying dollars for their own account.

"The banking system at the moment has collapsed," Hainsworth said, adding there were almost no transfers between banks on a regular basis, while most small businesses had stopped transferring money through banks.

"The bank system as an operating functional system has collapsed but banks themselves have not yet collapsed," he said.

Analysts said the fate of the banks was totally dependent on whether the population starts a run on their bank accounts.

People have already started trying to exchange rubles for dollars and get their money from banks, but it has so far not grown into a mass rush for cash.

A support to the system came as the 12 biggest banks - UNEXIM, MOST-Bank, Inkombank, SBS-Agro, Rossiiskiy Kredit, National Reserve Bank, Sberbank, Vneshtorgbank, MENATEP, Alfa Bank, Vneshekonombank, and the Bank of Moscow - agreed to meet obligations to retail depositors and maintain credit lines with each other.

The government and the central bank welcomed the decision and promised support.

But analysts said the central bank was unlikely to sacrifice its reserves and the ruble rate to bail out even these 12.

"We believe the central bank will support this group in the short term to prevent the systemic crisis from deepening, which could have political consequences for the current government," finance house United Financial Group said in a statement.

"This short-term strategy does not mean that the central bank might not move to shut down or sell off any weak members of this group of 12 at a later date, once the market stabilizes."

Experts: Russian gov't bought time

ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON (LA Times) - Russia's dramatic decision Sunday to devalue its currency and declare a 90-day moratorium on repayment of its foreign debt will doubtless cast a shadow over global financial markets in the near future, but the longer-term outlook for the Russian economy is far more uncertain.

Analysts say if Russian President Boris Yeltsin can use the current crisis to push through the reforms that the International Monetary Fund and foreign investors are demanding, Russia may get back on the road toward a gradual, albeit bumpy, recovery.

If not, however, the Russian economy could continue its tailspin, heightening the implications for other hard-hit economies in Asia and Latin America - and possibly for the US and other Western countries as well.

"What the Russians have done is to buy time," said Alan Stoga, a Wall Street economics analyst who has been following the situation. "The next question is, what will they do with it? Maybe now that they have fewer resources, we'll see more genuine reforms."

That assessment was widespread Monday as governments, financial markets and top international policy-makers scrutinized Moscow's latest moves and tried to sort out what they might mean, both for Russia and the rest of the world.

As analysts have been saying for weeks, the financial crisis that precipitated Monday's actions stemmed primarily from a loss of confidence among investors that Moscow would not be able to carry out the reforms that it had promised.

Moscow had been dithering for months in carrying out Western demands that it overhaul its banking system, enact measures guaranteeing property rights for businesses and individuals, and set up a viable tax-collection system. Eventually, financial markets lost their patience, causing the ruble to weaken and stock prices to plummet.

The advice from the US and its major trading partners and from the IMF over the weekend was uniform: Enact the needed reforms first, then wait to see how the

financial markets react. Don't do anything rash too soon, they said.

But Yeltsin apparently thought that investors had made up their minds anyway, and decided, in effect, to beat the markets to the punch and do himself what his advisers contended would have been inevitable in a worst-case scenario: Devalue and declare a debt-moratorium.

"They figured that in the end they couldn't hold it back anymore," said Morris Goldstein, an analyst with the Institute for International Economics.

Nevertheless, analysts said, what Yeltsin did Monday was a nail-biting gamble. If it works, Yeltsin could emerge with a stronger economic program and improved prospects for bringing Russia out of the economic abyss. But if it fails, he may not have any more breathing room.

Russia on Monday joined a growing list of nations that have suffered currency devaluations over the past 13 months. Eleven countries have either had official devaluations or seen their currencies forced lower by the markets.

The initial reaction to Russia's announcement was predictably mixed. Currency and stock prices in most Asian and Latin American emerging markets declined. The US dollar fell. But the US stock market soared.

But analysts noted that a more important market reading of the situation will be Friday, when the Duma, the lower house of Russia's parliament, meets to take up the reforms that Yeltsin has proposed.

What the lawmakers do will be crucial, both for restoring confidence in Russia's markets and for putting the economy on track.

create enough of a crisis to spur lawmakers into action.

And several Russia-watchers noted that if Yeltsin is allowed to move ahead with his reforms, the impact on all fronts could be short-lived. "It might not last that long if he can put these reforms into place," one analyst said.

Russian officials have intentionally structured their devaluation so the ruble's value can rise unimpeded if the markets react favorably. And the debt-moratorium might well be ended before the 90-day limit.

But the list of needed reforms is daunting, and they would be difficult for even a more sophisticated

and like-minded legislature to enact: Besides devising a tax-col-

lection system, the IMF wants Russia to overhaul its entire banking structure, provide a legal framework for the ownership of private property, enact new bankruptcy laws, and sell off more of its government-run companies to private entrepreneurs.

Whatever the outcome, there is no doubt that Yeltsin has taken a risk - particularly in declaring the debt-moratorium and in forcing commercial banks to renegotiate their loans, steps that are likely to make investors wary for some time to come.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE

By GREER FAY CASHMAN



Dan Gillerman (Isaac Harari)

A request that Israel set up an infrastructure for patent protection and integrity in business that foreign investors can turn to instead of resorting to the courts, was voiced last week by Richard Hirsch, head of the New York headquartered Concurrent Industries Group. Hirsch, whose companies have been doing business in Israel for the past four decades, was speaking at an economic forum of the Israel Bonds Task Force.

Agreeing with Hirsch on the necessity of such a measure, Dan Gillerman, chairman of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, offered an interim solution, inviting investors with complaints to use the Federation as their address until an appropriate official body is established.

The Supersol Board of Directors has announced that Major-General Amzi Sagis is joining the company in the role of managing director. Sagis, who is winding up his duties as head of technology and logistics in the Israel Defense Forces, will take up his position on September 1. Within a year he will be appointed company president, replacing the long-time incumbent David Alphonso, who is leaving, but who has not yet disclosed his future plans.

Last month El Al announced it is selling its 18.5 percent ownership interests in the Nairobi Hilton in an effort to expand its hotel interests here in Israel through its Teshet subsidiary, which operates the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem. Since then, El Al Chairman Joseph Ciechanover and Director-General Joel Feldschuch met with Laromme Hotel's General Manager Meir Lahav, who has been looking into hotel management which are not affiliated

with international chains. The idea is to bring some 6-10 hotels with a total of 1,500-2,000 hotel rooms under the Laromme umbrella. El Al also has plans to invest in the construction of a hotel in a business complex near Ben-Gurion Airport.

International hotel chains apparently have faith in Israel's ability to become a major tourist destination. The most recent chain to put up a hotel here is Meridian, whose local representative David Fatal has informed Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav that the chain's 250-suite hotel flagship hotel will open in Eilat in December, 1998. Meridian, according to Fatal, intends to open hotels throughout the country. The chain is already well established in other parts of the Middle East.

Ralph Sanders has been named manager of finances for Berlitz in the Middle East, Southeast Europe and Africa. Dutch-born Sanders, 28, an accounting graduate of Middlesex University, migrated to Israel from England in 1996, and until May of this year was employed at the Kesselman accountancy firm in Tel Aviv.

Avinoam Hadas has been appointed as the strategic information adviser and public relations officer for the international tourism conference taking place in Jerusalem early next year in



Ami Sagis

preparation for the new millennium. Representatives of travel agencies, tourism-oriented enterprises and travel publications from some 40 countries are expected to attend the event, which is being co-sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, El Al, the Jerusalem Municipality, the Greater Tel Aviv Association for the Promotion of Tourism, the Jerusalem Hotel Association and the Tiberias Hotel Association.

Moving in the right direction

Israel's economy is following the British and American patterns of low interest rates, low inflation, and moderate growth

By NEIL COHEN

Who would have expected such a turbulent week in the markets?

After the surprise announcement here that interest rates were going to be cut by 1.5%, the inflation target lowered sharply and public spending held in check, the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange understandably rose sharply. I have my doubts, however, whether the 5 percent plus surge was justified.

Abroad, economic worries over China surfaced and world markets plunged. For the better part of a day the Dow Jones was down a scary 200 points, though the index recovered toward closing. Just when investors thought things had cooled off, worries over Russia spooked everyone again and sent markets tumbling. By the end of the week, the TASE finished pretty much where it had started.

What's going on in the Israeli economy that's got everyone so panicked? Have you noticed that it is the politicians and the politico-businessmen who have been making far and away the biggest fuss?

While certain sectors (real estate, building materials, tourism) are clearly still in a slump and many other businesses are struggling, it seems to me that the state of the Israeli economy is fast approaching the economies of the US and the UK, where the last few years (albeit with no guarantees that such situation will last) have seen low interest rates, low inflation and moderate growth.

I dare suggest that the massive and almost completely unproductive debate about unemployment is fueled by thinly veiled populism. Don't get me wrong. I am as unhappy about high unemployment as the next guy. I just think I understand what is and is not achievable, what realistic time frames are and what economic processes to expect.

The real-estate recession notwithstanding, the main factor in the rise in unemployment is a structural change in the economy. As government subsidies and import tariffs gradually disappear, businesses in traditionally labor-intensive industries, which have been kept alive artificially with taxpayers' money, are progres-

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sively shutting down. Over 100 textile factories have closed in the last two years, and the story in wood products and other low added-value manufacturing industries is not very different. Whether this is good or bad, it's inevitable.

Unfortunately, many of these now defunct businesses sustained almost entire communities of workers who had few marketable skills to fall back on. And it was always more politically expedient to keep these enterprises alive (not to mention the political clout of the Histadrut and factory owners) by artificial means than to admit the world had changed and try to deal with the consequences. Now we are dealing with the consequences — and they're painful, at least in the short-term.

There are no real quick fixes for unemployment. Anything that

looks like one is really a quick fix, like Ora Namir's make-work programs. The underlying processes that have caused the rise in unemployment are fundamentally healthy for the economy, bringing prices down, reducing inflation and forcing resources to where they are most productive. If anything, artificial interference in the process is likely to slow the move toward a genuine market economy.

SO, while the populist politicians are counting votes by breast-beating over unemployment, the economy is inexorably plugging away in the right direction — a true market economy with as much competition and as little state interference and ownership of assets as possible.

Just look at how some of the traditional economic powers — Clal, Discount Investment Corporation and Koor — have been moving. All three historically had sizeable traditional holdings (DIC much less so than the others). They are moving away from traditional businesses and focusing on areas where the country has relative advantages. Clal has been building up its holdings in high-growth technology areas as well as building a new biotechnology division. Koor is focusing on its communications and chemicals businesses while DIC is very focused on its communications holdings, which have been the clear engines of its growth in the last few years.

The shifts that I describe are happening, and they are being reflected in the corporate sector. If politicians, unions and the government do not somehow wreck them, then the futures of the economy as a whole and business in particular are very positive and bode well for the TASE (notwithstanding the

very real misfortunes some suffer as a result of these shifts).

This said, we will still be very sensitive to events around the world, including Wall Street diving, the ruble or yuan crashing, or the government in Tokyo changing. An uncertain time is likely to await us in the market, at least in the short term. Beyond that, no one knows.

I read *Business Week's* analysis of the current market turbulence and what it meant for US stocks. In a nutshell they said the following: If US corporate earnings come in positive and interest rates stay where they are or go lower, then stocks are fairly priced to a little inexpensive; if earnings aren't so good and interest rates stay the same or go higher, then the market is overvalued. Those are the fundamentals. But the technicians say that the broader market is much weaker than the small number of big-cap stocks that drive the Dow, which is a bad sign.

In short they know about as much or as little as you or I. I am sitting on my hands until things are at least a teeny bit clearer. Real interest rates are still high enough for me that we are being paid well to sit on our cash. As you can see from the defensive portfolio, the main beneficiary of the cut in interest rates was the bond market. As interest rates will likely fall further, bonds could be the place to be in the coming months.

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Teva	11.34	1,035.60	12,519	1,375.00	15,596.63
Bank Leumi	6.22	1,303.34	8,101	2,097.00	13,033.69
Clal Israel	143.68	69.60	10,025	99.90	14,333.53
Canal Container	341.00	39.00	10,020	37.75	9,735.89
Dan Hotels	425.65	8.81	3,769	10.95	4,660.94
Yotam Tabori	556.80	8.96	5,025	7.99	4,445.83
Yotam	640.00	7.79	5,010	9.20	5,888.00
IDB	1,432.65	3.49	5,025	4.59	6,575.90
Koor	28.00	357.05	10,017	402.00	11,256.00
Bezeq	625.00	12.00	7,500	12.65	7,912.25
1 month cash deposit at 11%					31,265.76
Total portfolio value			100,000		156,728.90
Aggressive					
Israel Commercial Bank	4,314.51	1.34	5,775	1.63	7,032.65
Clal Bank	15.31	283.28	4,341	591.00	9,040.98
Lower Semiconductor	292.00	55.75	6,384	54.13	6,588.33
Israel Chemicals	3,489.37	2.58	9,023	4.46	15,558.13
Dan Hotels	1,219.88	3.32	4,075	7.10	8,661.15
Bezeq	224.00	511.00	8,482	55.81	4,796.57
Discount Investments	120.00	81.62	9,819	122.00	14,640.00
Israel Corporation	47.33	211.30	10,025	299.00	14,150.47
Ona Post	180.33	41.59	7,525	39.70	7,159.10
Avion Insurance	739.93	6.85	5,020	4.61	3,364.98
Al Levv warrants	4,854.37	1.03	5,020	0.76	3,689.32
IMZK	1,002.00	7.47	7,505	7.25	7,264.50
1 month cash deposit at 11%					59,267.63
Total portfolio value			100,000		161,814.30
Defensive					
Alloyed convertible	5,847.95	.86	5,020	.84	4,883.04
Zurich convertible	5,308.33	.96	5,020	.98	5,078.12
Clal convertible	3,501.40	1.43	5,020	1.50	5,248.60
1 month deposit at 12%					95,832.11
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Abi Shares	208.94	207.25	+1.96	+0.51	17.7
Abi Growth	508.51	499.54	+3.31	+6.91	62.9
Abi Bond	111.70	108.91	+0.60	—	11.4
Abi Diversified	166.84	166.17	+0.10	+19.95	59.7
Abi Shares	104.20	102.22	+3.60	+8.96	0.8
Abi Bonds	188.43	186.12	+0.17	+19.15	5.8
Abi Growth	234.13	232.40	+0.85	+10.99	34.6
Abi Flexible	117.26	116.59	+0.04	+4.28	4.8
Abi Shares	230.11	227.59	+0.68	+10.00	30.1
Abi Bond	185.48	185.09	+2.45	+2.91	11.2
Abi Diversified	388.52	387.58	+0.58	+6.96	77.2
Abi Growth	173.11	169.90	+0.38	+7.72	32.9
Abi Bond	173.08	172.54	+0.86	+11.02	12.4
Abi Shares	364.96	360.46	+0.84	+10.87	8.7
Abi Flexible	107.80	107.12	+3.25	+2.73	5.5
Abi Growth	177.44	176.31	+3.06	+8.00	18.0
Abi Bonds	141.92	140.59	+0.91	+8.79	321.0
Abi Shares	155.77	154.89	+0.59	+6.77	3.7
Abi Bond	268.47	267.05	+0.79	+6.46	26.4
Abi Diversified	345.67	345.02	+0.59	+8.92	78.7
Abi Growth	129.31	128.14	+1.74	+6.02	61.1
Abi Bond	178.53	177.63	+1.29	+5.69	74.0
Abi Shares	167.65	167.65	+0.26	+4.57	5.8
Abi Flexible	104.20	104.27	+1.16	—	7.5
Abi Growth	177.44	176.31	+3.06	+14.70	3.4
Abi Bonds	105.77	103.65	+0.17	+14.70	3.4
Abi Flexible	117.26	116.59	+0.16	+9.40	3.2
Abi Shares	234.13	232.40	+0.85	+10.07	10.7
Abi Bond	185.48	185.09	+0.50	+4.46	29.6
Abi Diversified	388.52	387.58	+0.58	+9.26	4.8
Abi Growth	173.11	169.90	+0.38	+10.00	16.6
Abi Bond	173.08	172.54	+0.86	+11.01	11.1
Abi Shares	364.96	360.46	+0.84	+10.87	0.3
Abi Flexible	107.80	107.12	+3.25	+9.01	46.1
Abi Growth	177.44	176.31	+3.06	+9.25	10.2
Abi Bonds	141.92	140.59	+0.89	+7.25	4.7
Abi Shares	155.77	154.89	+0.59	+7.38	45.3
Abi Bond	268.47	267.05	+0.79	+11.05	315.4
Abi Diversified	345.67	345.02	+0.59	+8.88	—
Abi Growth	129.31	128.14	+1.75	+7.84	15.1
Abi Bond	178.53	177.63	+1.28	+7.89	86.5
Abi Shares	167.65	167.67	+0.58	+13.01	0.2
Abi Flexible	104.20	99.57	+0.84	+17.3	0.2
Abi Growth	177.44	176.31	+3.06	+15.73	0.2
Abi Bonds	141.92	140.59	+0.89	+6.54	6.2
Abi Shares	234.13	232.40	+0.85	+10.00	14.0
Abi Bond	185.48	185.09	+2.45	+10.04	203.0
Abi Diversified	388.52	387.58	+0.58	+14.58	75.4
Abi Growth	173.11	172.54	+0.86	+14.58	75.4
Abi Bond	173.08	172.54	+1.63	+1.35	2.0
Abi Shares	364.96	360.46	+0.84	+14.58	35.0
Abi Flexible	107.80	88.26	+8.73	+1.09	4.2
Abi Growth	177.44	176.31	+3.06	+14.58	20.0

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LEADING SHARES

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TASE rises led by exporters

LAST		CHANGE	LAST		CHANGE
Tanigawa	32.975	+0.3125	Danier-Benz	180.25	+1.05
Tel Health	26.475	+0.5	Lithuania	17.5	+0.5
Tel Energy	23.475	+0.375	Mannmann	183	-7.3
Tel Tel	20.475	+0.275	Mannmann	183	-7.3
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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LAST	CHANGE	LAST	CHANGE		
US Dollar (1)	3.9195	0	US Dollar (1)	3.9195	0
British Pound (1)	2.134	0	British Pound (1)	2.134	0
French Franc (100)	2.0613	0	French Franc (100)	2.0613	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.0613	0	Japanese Yen (100)	2.0613	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.446	0	Swiss Franc (1)	2.446	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.4141	0	Italian Lira (1000)	2.4141	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.1846	0	Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.1846	0
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NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

Chicago Merc.	31.75	+0.25	DAI	5458.58	+8.08
Chicago Wheat	61.50	+0.25	Medford	588.49	-2.15
Chicago Corn	14.25	+0.5	Swiss Market Index	7841.3	+198.3
Chicago Soybeans	118.00	+0.25	Sydney	2980.5	+28.7
			Milan	1471.25	-5.38
Chicago	85.50	+0.125			
Chicago Wheat	61.75	+0.125			
Chicago Corn	14.25	+0.5			
Chicago Soybeans	118.00	+0.25			
Chicago	85.50	+0.125			
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Chicago	85.50	+0.125			
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OTHER MARKET INDEXES

LONDON		
Mixed Domestic	562	+2
3T Inds	694.5	-3
3T	843.5	-25
3M	107.5	+1.25
Europe	194	+17
Germany	250	+61
France	270	+42
British Airways	428	-2.5
Comm Union plc	1016	+32
Diageo	772	-38
General Electric	121	+1.5
Shell	180	+58
Tollax	721.5	+30.5
USAC (Pip sh)	323	-22
CL	689	+5
Land Securities	575	+10.5
Joyce Bank	787	+30.5
Wentley & Sparrow	27.5	+15.5
Barclays Bank	1141	-15
Prudential	776.5	+22.5
Reuters	208	+17
Standard	352	+13.5
Shell Transport	369	+3
York Ind	369	+42.5
Minster	2340	+113

LONDON COMMODITIES		
	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1047	+1
Yellow Sugar (LCE)	1256	+27
Brent crude oil (Sep) (ICE)	1205	0

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)		
	Last	Change
Silver spot	5.08	-0.05

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES		
	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	289	-0.1
Platinum	6.77	-0.1

DOLLAR CROSSEXTES (US)

US Dollar	1575	+21
De Liquide	599	+19
Deutsche Alchemie	1180	+57
Deutsche Bank	1065	+0.55
Deutsche Börse	123.9	+0.8
Deutsche Post	458.3	+0.8
Deutsche Telekom	505.8	+1.7
Deutsche Telekom	116.6	+1.1
Deutsche Telekom	1048	+42

Frankfurt

High-grade copper (cwt)	1.12	+0.05
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LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	284.4	0
Gold PM fix	284.25	+0.1
Silver	10.12	+1


Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date.
(Spot market fixings are from approximately
25:20 local time. All others are clearing prices.)
SOURCE: S&P COMMODITIES/DATE 19-AUG-88

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SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
Currency basket	3.8838	3.0468	—	—	3.8157
U.S. dollar	3.6580	3.7171	3.59	3.77	3.6870
German mark	2.0326	2.0654	1.99	2.10	2.0498
Pound sterling	5.8956	5.8907	5.79	6.08	5.9497
French franc	0.8063	0.8161	0.58	0.63	0.6115
Japanese yen (100)	2.5016	2.5420	2.45	2.58	2.5222
Dutch florin	1.8022	1.8313	1.77	1.88	1.8178
Swiss franc	2.4933	2.4726	2.39	2.51	2.4534
Swedish krona	0.4459	0.4542	0.43	0.47	0.4504
Norwegian krona	0.4771	0.4848	0.46	0.50	0.4805
Danish krone	0.5338	0.5425	0.62	0.55	0.5363
Finnish mark	0.6693	0.6791	0.65	0.69	0.6740
Canadian dollar	2.4048	2.4436	2.36	2.48	2.4239

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

Belgian franc (10)	0.9855	1.0014	0.98	1.02	0.9998
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8880	2.8346	2.83	2.98	2.9134
Italian lira (1000)	2.0605	2.0936	2.02	2.13	2.0782
Jordanian dinar	5.1449	5.2279	5.05	5.42	5.1802
Egyptian pound	1.0400	1.1300	1.04	1.13	1.0877
ECU	4.0055	4.0702	—	—	4.0415
Irish punt	5.0930	5.1752	5.05	5.25	5.1412
Spanish peseta (100)	2.3848	2.4335	2.35	2.47	2.4159

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

LONDON METAL FIXES

LAST		CHANGE			
Crude Oil (Sep)	15.18	+0.35	Crude Oil (Sep)	15.18	+0.35
Gold (Sep)	284.55	+0.5%	Gold (Sep)	284.55	+0.5%
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Gold (Oct)	284.55	+0.5%	Gold (Oct)	284.55	+0.5%
Crude Oil (Nov)	15.18	+0.35	Crude Oil (Nov)	15.18	+0.35
Gold (Nov)	284.55	+0.5%	Gold (Nov)	284.55	+0.5%
Crude Oil (Dec)	15.18	+0.35	Crude Oil (Dec)	15.18	+0.35
Gold (Dec)	284.55	+0.5%	Gold (Dec)	284.55	+0.5%

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks rose for the first time in four days after a rally in US stocks eased concern a global slump in demand will erode exporters' profit.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, the nation's largest drugmaker which exports about half of its products to the US, rose 4.8 percent to NIS 146.20, helping to push the Maof Index of 25 largest companies up 1.54 percent to 332.55. Twenty-two shares rose, three fell and one closed unchanged.

Analysts said gains in US and European markets helped abate concern the devaluation of Russia's ruble and Asia's economic recession will reduce global demand and profit growth of exporters around the world, including Israel.

"The reaction in New York and Europe to what happened in Russia is bringing back confidence to markets around the world," said Zvi Hoffman, the managing director of Impact Securities.

Nice Systems, a maker of voice and fax archiving systems which earns more than three-quarters of its revenue from outside of Israel, jumped 5.8% to NIS 138.70, more than recouping Monday's drop of 1.87%.

Israel Chemicals, one of the nation's largest fertilizer makers which earned about a quarter of its 1997 revenue from Asia, rose 1.55% to NIS 4.59.

Makhteshim-Agan Industries, a

maker of crop protection chemicals, rose 1.31% to NIS 11.23.

Formula Systems, an Israeli software producer which earned a third of its 1997 revenue from outside of Israel, soared 7.26% to NIS 110.80 after it said second-quarter profit doubled on higher sales and increased margins.

Its shares had dropped more than 3.7% in the past three days. Formula's profit for the quarter rose to a higher-than-expected \$3.1 million, or 40 cents a share, from a \$1.5 million a year ago. Analysts expected a profit of 37 cents a share.

UK stocks rose, the benchmark

Europe

index posting its biggest one-day percentage gain in nearly six years, led by SmithKline Beecham and Glaxo Wellcome. The index rose 1.31% to 3,312.55.

Together they added about 25 points to the index's gains. Drugmakers also were boosted by speculation of a merger in the industry, even though Glaxo and SmithKline yesterday denied weekend news reports they're restructured merger discussions they ditched in February. Among other pharmaceutical companies, Zentiva Group jumped 1.28p to 2,340.1 and Medeva Plc added 1.5p to 113.5.

"We're very comfortable with drugs - deals will happen in this sector, maybe not this month but they will happen," said Paul O'Connor, a UK equity strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston. "Also, these stocks are pretty immune to the big concerns out there."

The benchmark FTSE 100 index rose for a third day, gaining 181.0 points to 5648.2 to make up some of the past month's 9.7 percent decline. That's a gain of 3.31%, its biggest since September 17, 1992.

Drugmakers led the advance as

STOCKS

Japanese stocks snapped a week-long stretch of losses as Sony Corp. and Denso Corp. paced gains on the Nikkei 225 Stock Index and eased concern that a global economic slowdown was hurting big exporters.

South Korean stocks took their biggest tumble in four weeks after Russia set in motion a devaluation of its currency, prompting investors worldwide to exit emerging markets.

"Russia's problems will compound the high level of anxiety in Asia," said Hwang Sung Taek, a portfolio manager at IMM Asset Management.

Stocks also fell in Singapore, Taiwan, the Philippines and Indonesia. Australia's benchmark index rose, while other markets were mixed.

In Hong Kong, the government bought stocks for a second day to fend off attacks on its currency and the benchmark Hang Seng was little changed. The dollar fell for a second day against the yen.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei rose 269.13 points, or 1.8%, to 15,063.79 after falling in 10 of the last 11 sessions, following the best one-day performance by US stocks in two months.

Korea's benchmark Kospi index fell 11.94, or 3.96%, to 289.97, a two-month low. Samsung Electronics Co. and banks led the way on concern Russia's move will compound Asia's financial troubles. (Bloomberg)

Asia

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Mark declines as Bundesbank signals rates won't rise

The dollar rose against the mark after the German central bank said its inflation outlook is "favorable," suggesting it won't raise interest rates soon.

"The report reinforced the idea that the Bundesbank is satisfied for now with its policy stance," said Bob Lynch, a currency strategist at Paribas Corp. "That's contributing to the dollar's firmness against the mark."

The dollar rose to 1.7985 marks from 1.7955 late Monday in New York. It fell against the yen for the fourth time in five days as Japan repeated recent pledges that it will sell dollars to support the yen. It fell as low as 145.30 yen from 146.07, and was trading at 145.69 yen.

In its monthly report on money supply growth, the Bundesbank also said price developments so

far this year are "pleasing," suggesting the benchmark repurchase rate will remain at 3.30 percent in the months ahead.

Higher rates would benefit the mark by boosting the return on mark-denominated deposits and bonds. Currently, three-month dollar deposits pay 5.69%, 219 basis points higher than comparable mark deposits paying 3.50%.

Also hurting the mark was concern that Russia's economic and financial crises won't be resolved soon. On Monday Russia widened the ruble's trading band, allowing the currency to fall by as much as a third this year.

Russia made the move after the International Monetary Fund rejected the government's bid for more financial aid, according to a senior US official.

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The country has had a difficult time repaying maturing debt. "The Russian problems aren't over yet, and that's going to work badly on the mark," said Mohamed Sbiri, a currency trader at Gulf International Bank. That's because Germany is

Russia's biggest creditor and a major trading partner.

Also supporting the dollar, US President Bill Clinton admitted in a televised address last night that he had an inappropriate relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. That fueled speculation the scandal that has preoccupied the US government since January is coming to an end, some analysts said.

"The Clinton cloud has been lifted," said Jamie Coleman, a senior foreign exchange analyst at Thompson Global Markets in Boston. "While his authority has been diminished, ultimately he won't be impeached."

Clinton delivered the short speech after giving more than four hours of testimony on closed-circuit television to a

grand jury investigating the matter. He said he never asked anyone to take unlawful actions and that the investigation by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr should come to an end.

In Japan, top finance officials warned again the government is ready to sell dollars to support the yen, which has fallen more than 10% against the US currency this year.

Investors are speculating the government may ask US authorities to do the same.

Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs Eisuke Sakakibara said yesterday he will contact US Deputy Treasury Lawrence Summers during his trip to the US which starts today. He declined to say what he would discuss with Summers. (Bloomberg)

Coffee rises on concern US supplies depleted

Energy

Crude oil for September delivery opened little changed as traders await the weekly report of the American Petroleum Institute, to be released after trading yesterday. Traders are trying to determine whether efforts by producers to cut back output are having a discernible impact on inventories in the US, the world's largest energy consumer. Crude oil for September delivery was recently 5 cents lower at \$13.15 a barrel on the New York

Others

Coffee for September delivery rose as much as \$0.05 cents to \$1.19 a pound on speculation that low US inventories cannot be replenished soon. While some beans from Brazil and Colombia already are arriving in the US, the bulk of harvesting in Latin America won't begin for another month.

After trading yesterday, the Green Coffee Association said US

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inventories fell 95,751 bags, or 5 percent, to 1.81 million bags in July from a month earlier. Each bag weighs 132 pounds. The decline was at the higher end of traders' expectations. Also, a strike at Santos, the largest port in Brazil, stretched into an eighth day, halting exports of coffee and slowing shipments of other commodities. September coffee fell 0.65 cent to \$1.1095 a pound yesterday on the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York.

The three-month nickel forward contract on the London Metal Exchange fell \$35 to \$4,050 a metric ton, its lowest price in

almost five years, amid concern over excess supply of the metal at a time of weakening Asian demand, particularly in Japan. Japan is the world's largest consumer of stainless steel, the prime use for nickel.

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US bonds fall after trade report suggests growth

US bonds fell after a report showing a smaller-than-expected trade deficit in June suggested economic growth may be quickening, raising concern that inflation may accelerate later this year.

"The improvement we got in the deficit caught some people by surprise," and may cause some to revise second-quarter growth estimates higher, said Anthony Karydakis, economist at First Chicago NBD Corp. The dip in bonds "reflects the prospect that all the trade drag is fading away," and the economy may be poised to rebound, he said.

The benchmark 30-year US Treasury bond fell 7/32, or \$2.19 per \$1,000 bond to yield 5.56 percent, up 1 basis point. The yield on the two-year note rose 4 basis

points to 5.35%. Bonds fell after the government said the US trade deficit in goods and services narrowed for the first time this year to \$14.15 billion in June from \$15.536 in May. The gap is less than the \$15.6 billion gap expected by analysts and suggested to some that growth may be rebounding after slowing earlier in the year as a result of Asia's woes.

Still, even the narrower-than-expected trade gap doesn't change expectations for US growth to slow from the robust 5.5% annual pace in the first three months of the year, traders said. That should help keep inflation from accelerating, which will help bonds hold more of their value.

"The second quarter was still

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weak by most standards," said Bill Quan, an economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. The overall trade deficit in the second quarter widened to a record \$43.96 billion from \$34.87 billion in the first quarter, the government said.

A separate report yesterday provided more evidence that inflation is tame. The government said consumer prices rose 0.2% last month, and 0.2% when food and energy prices are excluded, matching analysts' expectations.

"There's not a lot of inflation pressure," said Robert McGee, chief economist at Tokai Bank. With growth slowing and inflation expected to remain subdued, the Fed has little reason to change interest rates, analysts said.

A survey of Wall Street economists and traders at the 32 primary dealers - the firms that deal directly with the Fed's securities trading desk - showed that none expected a rate move at yesterday's meeting. The central bank last changed its target for

overnight lending between banks, known as the federal funds rate, in March 1997, boosting it by a quarter point to 5.5%.

Still, some investors said they're reluctant to drive yields lower without a growing conviction that the Fed's next move is a rate cut. Yields on all

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"A person only has to look to see that there is a very severe water shortage and people are suffering," Natshe said.

Zucker told reporters: "It's one of the worst cases of discrimina-

tion I've ever seen, it's apartheid." He and his colleagues accused the government of reducing the water supply in the West Bank, and are demanding its full restoration.

"This is not part of the political process, it's a racist attitude that says the Arab doesn't have to wash as much as we do, he doesn't need to flush the toilet like us, so he deserves less water," Zucker said.

"Israel has full control of the water supply, so while there's a water shortage in Hebron, in adjacent Kiryat Arba and other settlements the sprinklers are working in the public gardens and there's no water problem at all."

Pines said the MKs went into apartments in Hebron and Deheishe, where no water came out of the faucets and there was no water in the toilets. UNRWA water trucks were driving around in an attempt to alleviate the residents' plight.

"Every Palestinian must get water just like every Israeli does," said Pines. "Water is not part of the political game."

"Thirsty people are oppressed and feel humiliated. This creates anger and resentment."

Commenting on a reported remark by Sharon that the Palestinians' water system was old and that 40% of the water is leak-

ing out, Zucker said: "Israel has been in charge of that system for the past 31 years. It wasn't Arafat who laid those pipes, the Israeli authorities did. So Israel should fix them."

The MKs discovered a black market for water has developed. Near the Bethlehem checkpoint, a Palestinian with a tanker was

selling water for exorbitant prices.

"I don't know where the water came from, maybe from Israel, maybe they stole it from the pipes. But these are Third World sights, which Israel and Sharon are responsible for, as long as we control the water supply," Pines said.

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Don't rule Junior out

These are the dog days. That can be taken literally - Saturday actually was Dog Day at Comiskey Park, with pet owners parading their canines around the field before the game - and figuratively. The first two weeks of August had dogged Ken Griffey Jr. with a home-run drought.

He finally broke through Saturday with his 42nd, a two-run, opposite-field shot in the first inning of the Seattle Mariners' 13-7 win over the White Sox. It was his first since July 30, after 54 homerless at-bats. It was a statement that reminded everyone Griffey still is in the race with Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa to break Roger Maris's single-season home run record.

In fact, it was the only statement he made on the topic. Griffey maintained his odd policy of not talking about home runs, declining to say anything about the 1-and-2 pitch from Jaime Navarro.

He has grown weary of the scrutiny about the road to 62 homers - and the fact he has been stalled.

"It doesn't matter," he said. "I hear, 'Stuck on 42.' How many guys would take 42 for a season? But with me, it's 'stuck on 42, stuck on 42.' That's why I don't worry about anything."

He does spend a good deal of energy avoiding a subject he

doesn't worry about - he repeatedly rejected reporters' attempts to talk after the game. Still, the Mariners believe the race really doesn't affect him on the field. "Junior can handle this stuff," said teammate Russ Davis. "He's handled it for 10 years. He could get hot and hit 10 in a week."

If he hadn't hit one Saturday, maybe he never would have. He was facing Navarro, one of the majors' great gopher-ball specialists, who has allowed 27 homers. That notwithstanding, the Mariners have been encouraged by the way Griffey's sweet swing has been connecting lately.

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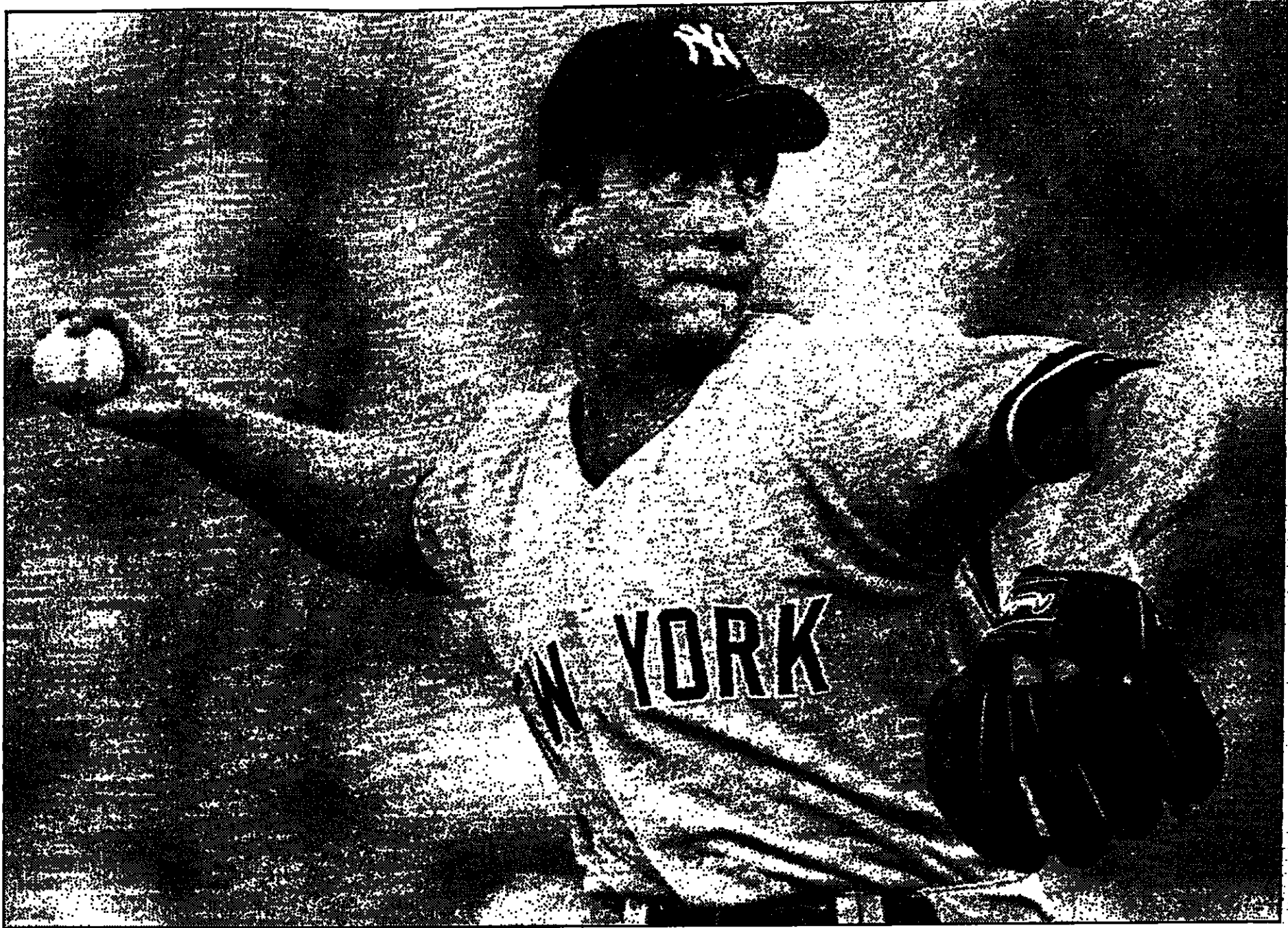
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MOWIN' 'EM DOWN - David Cone delivers the goods and wins his 18th game of the season for the Yankees.

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Owners' lockout at standstill



DALLAS (AP) - NBA players awaiting an arbitration hearing that could swing the leverage in collective bargaining talks don't expect any forward motion in the stalemate for at least a week.

About a dozen players attended a regional meeting of the players association Monday. The union is holding player meetings across the country.

The next step in getting both sides back to the bargaining table hinges on a decision by arbitrator John Feerick, the dean of the Fordham University law school, said Billy Hunter, executive director of the NBA Player's Association.

Feerick will convene a hearing August 24 to decide whether about 220 players with guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout. Hunter said he expects a decision by Labor Day.

"We're anxious to negotiate, but that won't occur until after August 24," Hunter said.

What Feerick says will probably decide who comes back to

the negotiations with the stronger bargaining stance. Bargaining broke down in early August when NBA commissioner David Stern and the owners abruptly left a meeting after receiving the players' latest offer.

If Feerick rules that owners do not have to pay those players during the lockout, then the owners could gamble that players will soften their stance under the threat of continued money loss.

Players adamantly oppose the hard salary cap pushed by owners, fearing that superstars would use up most of the money available under the cap and leave others fighting for the scraps. Hunter said if that issue is resolved, he believes the others will fall into place.

"Everything is going smoothly, and we feel like everybody's got to keep a level head and find a way to compromise," said Samaki Walker of the Dallas Mavericks.

The issue of whether to include marijuana in the NBA's drug policy is one of the few areas of agreement between the players and owners.

Both have agreed to add marijuana to the list of banned substances, but the players association says that will only happen after other agreements are released.

"We'll incorporate it if we get everything else," Hunter said.

Cone beats Royals for 18th win

KANSAS CITY (Reuters, AP) - David Cone became the majors' first 18-game winner and Chili Davis contributed an RBI single in his long-awaited return as the New York Yankees remained perfect against the Kansas City Royals this season, coasting to a 7-1 victory on Monday.

Cone (18-4) defeated the Royals for the second time in 10 days and won his third straight start. The hard-throwing right-hander, who won the Cy Young Award with Kansas City in 1994, has three more victories than any other pitcher in the American League this season.

"It was probably the best fastball I've had this season," Cone said.

Cone allowed one run and five hits with four walks and four strikeouts over seven innings. Bernie Williams homered for the second straight game and added an RBI single for the Yankees.

Tim Lincecum tacked on a solo homer in the eighth inning as

New York (91-30) won for the 11th time in 12 games. The Yankees are on pace to amass 122 wins, which would shatter the major-league record of 116 set by the 1906 Chicago Cubs.

Ortolas 3, Twins 2

Scott Erickson (13-9) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings and matched his career high with 10 strikeouts.

Jimmy Key pitched a perfect eighth and Armando Benitez got three outs for his 18th save.

Hawkins (7-12) was the loser.

Indians 4, Devil Rays 3

Rookie Richie Sexson was 3-for-4 with his first major league homer and two RBIs as the host Indians beat Wilson Alvarez (5-12) and won for the 18th time in 38 games since the All-Star break.

Cecil Fielder, signed last Thursday, made his first start for Cleveland and was 0-for-4. Manny Ramirez hit his 29th homer.

Mariners 3, Tigers 1

Jamie Moyer (10-8) beat visit-

ing Detroit for the third time this season and Ken Griffey Jr. doubled twice.

Griffey, who leads the major leagues with 72 extra-base hits, was 2-for-4, striking out and flying out. His league-leading home run total remained at 42, and he has just one in his last 58 at-bats.

Angels 7, White Sox 2

Rookie Chris Pritchett drove in four runs and Phil Nevin hit a two-run homer as host Anaheim won for the seventh time in nine games.

Steve Sparks (7-2) won his fourth consecutive decision, helping Anaheim increase its AL West lead over Texas to one game. He allowed nine hits in seven innings, giving up consecutive homers to Frank Thomas and Albert Belle in the fourth.

Rookie Jim Parque (3-5) gave up seven runs and nine hits in six innings.

Blue Jays 4, Athletics 2

At Oakland, Jose Canseco broke a fifth-inning tie with his 33rd homer and Kelvin Escobar

won as a starter for the first time.

With the score 2-2, Canseco homered on a 1-2 pitch from Tom Candiotti (8-14). Shawn Green added his 23rd, a ninth-inning shot off Buddy Groom.

Escobar (2-1) allowed both runs and four hits in 6½ innings, walked six and struck out three. Dan Plesac got the final out for his second save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies 4, Astros 0

Paul Byrd, signed only three days earlier, outshined Randy Johnson with a four-hitter and also hit an RBI single as Philadelphia won.

Johnson (3-1), coming off consecutive shutouts, left after the fifth trailing 3-0. He allowed six hits and four walks, striking out just three.

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Diamondbacks 6, Expos 1

David Dellucci hit a three-run triple and Andy Benes (11-11) won his fourth consecutive start as Arizona dropped Montreal to 0-3 on its road trip.

Benes limited the Expos to one run and three hits in eight innings, retiring his final 13 batters to reach .500 for the first time since he was 3-3 in mid-May.

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MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING - BWilliams, New York, .365; TWalker, Minnesota, .337; MVaughn, Boston, .334; PRodriguez, Texas, .328; DJeter, New York, .325; GarciaPena, Boston, .324; Segui, Seattle, .323.

RUNS - Griffey Jr., Seattle, 98; Dieter, New York, 95; ARodriguez, Seattle, 94; Durham, Chicago, 92; Edmonds, Anaheim, 91; Knoblauch, New York, 90; JValentin, Boston, 87.

RBI - JGonzalez, Texas, 119; Belle, Chicago, 108; RPalmeiro, Seattle, 105; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 103; MRamirez, Cleveland, 101; ARodriguez, Seattle, 99; TMartinez, New York, 97.

HITS - ARodriguez, Seattle, 159; DJeter, New York, 152; MVaughn, Boston, 151; Olerun, Kansas City, 151; CNeal, New York, 148; Higgins, Detroit, 147; GAnderson, Anaheim, 147.

HOME RUNS - Griffey Jr., Seattle, 42; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle, 36; Belle, Chicago, 36; JGonzalez, Texas, 33; Canseco, Toronto, 33; MVaughn, Boston, 32.

STOLEN BASES - Henderson, Oakland, 52; Lofton, Cleveland, 39; Stewart, Toronto, 37; ARodriguez, Seattle, 36; BLHunter, Detroit, 34; Olerun, Kansas City, 34; G Vaughn, San Diego, 34.

PITCHING (14 Decisions) - DWells, New York, 15-2, .882, 3.44; Cone, New York, 18-4, .818, 3.37; PMartinez, Boston, 15-4, .788, 2.81; Wakefield, Boston, 14-5, .787, 4.46; Pettitte, New York, 14-6, .700, 3.65; Clemens, Toronto, 14-6, .700, 3.05; Rogers, Oakland, 11-5, .687, 3.12.

STRIKEOUTS - RJohnson, Seattle, 213; PMartinez, Boston, 188; Clemens, Colpn, Cleveland, 137.

SAVES - Gordon, Boston, 34; Perchal, Anaheim, 33; MRivera, New York, 32; Wetteland, Texas, 32; MJackson, Cleveland, 30; Aguilera, Minnesota, 30; RMeyers, Toronto, 28.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING - Olerun, New York, .352; Bichette, Colorado, .345; LWalker, Colorado, .340; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .336; VGuerrero, Montreal, .333; Chones, Atlanta, .323; BJordan, St. Louis, .323; Gwynn, San Diego, .323.

RUNS - Chones, Atlanta, 100; Sosa, Chicago, 96; BBigio, Houston, 96; Bagwell, Houston, 93; McGwire, St. Louis, 92; GJaviera, Philadelphia, 90; G Vaughn, San Diego, 89.

RBI - Sosa, Chicago, 119; Castillo, Colorado, 108; AJou, Houston, 109; Bichette, Colorado, 107; McGwire, St. Louis, 106; Galaraga, Atlanta, 100; Chones, Atlanta, 94; G Vaughn, San Diego, 94.

HITS - Bichette, Colorado, 177; VGuerrero, Montreal, 160; GJaviera, Philadelphia, 160; Castillo, Colorado, 157; Biggio, Houston, 157; Chones, Atlanta, 152; DeBell, Houston, 152.

HOME RUNS - Sosa, Chicago, 47; McGwire, St. Louis, 47; G Vaughn, San Diego, 39; Galaraga, Atlanta, 36; Castillo, Colorado, 36; AJou, Houston, 35; HRodriguez, Chicago, 30.

STOLEN BASES - Womack, Pittsburgh, 48; Biggio, Houston, 38; Renieris, Florida, 35; EYoung, Los Angeles, 35; Floyd, Florida, 34; QJeras, San Diego, 21; Louis, St. Louis, 20; Bonds, San Francisco, 20.

PITCHING (14 Decisions) - GJaviera, Atlanta, 18-4, .800, 2.35; KBrown, San Diego, 15-4, .789, 2.46; ALater, New York, 11-4, .733, 2.39; Ashby, San Diego, 16-8, .727, 2.50; GMaddux, Atlanta, 15-6, .714, 1.67; Millwood, Atlanta, 14-8, .700, 4.41; Tinsnel, Chicago, 12-6, .667, 4.21; Tapani, Chicago, 14-7, .667, 4.58; RFreese, New York, 14-7, .667, 2.87.

STRIKEOUTS - Schilling, Philadelphia, 233; Wood, Chicago, 204; KBrown, San Diego, 198; GMaddux, Atlanta, 157; Drifort, Los Angeles, 153; Reynolds, Houston, 151; Stiebemyre, St. Louis, 147.

SAVES - Hoffman, San Diego, 39; Beck, Chicago, 38; Shaw, Los Angeles, 36; Nan, San Francisco, 31; Urbina, Montreal, 26; JFranco, New York, 25; BWagner, Houston, 23.

Huddle: No bad vibes from players

BURNHAM BEECHES, England (AP) - England soccer coach Glenn Hoddle said yesterday he has not received any angry reactions from players over his controversial World Cup book.

His book, *The 1998 World Cup Story*, sparked criticism when details of how Paul Gascoigne went berserk when he was axed from England's squad were published in the *Sun* newspaper.

But Hoddle, speaking at England's Euro 2000 training base, said criticism of his book was unjustified and the players did not have any problems with it. He also said the controversy would not affect his position as England coach.

"There has been no adverse feelings among the players, they have been very positive," he said. "I asked any players to come and see me if they had a problem and not one came forward."

"No confidences have been betrayed. It is a positive book - positive about the England team and its players, positive about our future prospects."

The British media, the players' association and several past and present players said Hoddle had breached the trust of players by publishing inside information about the team.

Cowboys get corralled in Mexico



MEXICO CITY (AP) - New England found its missing offense and maybe a running back, Mexican fans got a glimpse of hometown hero Marco Martos and the Dallas Cowboys continued to sputter.

A roaring crowd of 106,424, the second-largest in NFL history, saw New England roll over the Cowboys 21-3 Monday night behind the running of Sedrick Shaw and the passing of Drew Bledsoe.

It was the first ABC Monday Night Football broadcast partially preempted for news: President Clinton's speech admitting inappropriate relations with aide Monica Lewinsky.

Dallas might have wished the whole game had been preempted. It dropped its third straight preseason game following five consecutive losses at the end of 1997.

"We got stopped on fourth and a foot. We

didn't convert on third and 2. So we didn't score any points and we didn't move the football," said Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman, complaints that sounded suspiciously like those of last year's 6-10 season.

For New England, second-year running back Shaw fought for 50 yards on 14 rushes in two quarters and scored touchdowns from 9 and 1 yards out. Another 4-yard touchdown was called back on a penalty.

New England's rushing game had been lacking in two earlier preseason losses to San Francisco and Minnesota.

"I thought he ran real tough," coach Pete Carroll said.

"Obviously a nice job around the goal line, finding a way to get into the end zone. That was real good."

"Sedrick did some good things for us. Right now it looks like he'll be the guy," said Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe, who also seemed to click in the team's new short-drop system, going 9-of-14 for 69 yards.

Shaw's main competition for the starting role, rookie Robert Edwards, sat out with an injury.

Dallas - known here as the Vaqueros - was the overwhelming favorite of the crowd at Aztec Stadium, whose donut-shaped roof trapped the tumult and caused occasional firecrackers to echo like rifle shots.

But Dallas's defense surrendered three touchdowns that were called back for penalties in addition to the three that counted. New England had 18 first downs to 9 for the Cowboys.

With Emmitt Smith resting a thigh injury, the Cowboys managed only 51 yards - and not a single first down - rushing.

Dallas's starting running back, rookie Tarek Smith, gained more in the air - 40 yards - than on the ground - 29.

The Cowboys' biggest cheers went to Martos, a product of the Mexican university league who played the last two seasons for Barcelona in the NFL Europe League.

Coming in with about a minute left, the Mexican receiver caught two balls for 19 yards, and dropped one.

He is expected to try to catch on in the Canadian Football League this season.

'LA Times' sports columnist Jim Murray, 78

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - Pulitzer Prize-winning *Los Angeles Times* sports columnist Jim Murray, a wise-cracking fixture at most major US sporting events, has died, his newspaper said Monday. He was 78.

